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To mark the United Nations' International Day for the Eradication of Poverty Monday, Metro Canada is taking a look at how Canadians are fighting poverty and making ends meet.

- Today Metro looks at how local agencies are trying to help those who are living below — and above — the poverty line, page 3.
- United Way aims to strengthen communities, page 13.
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Alison MacPherson, a member of the Nova Scotia Teachers Union provincial executive, shouts slogans into her megaphone Thursday during a protest outside Province House. Approximately 250 Nova Scotia Community College faculty and staff circled Province House and demanded the NDP government agree to binding arbitration to resolve their labour dispute.

NSCC strike looms

MONIQUE MUISE
Metro Halifax

A strike by Nova Scotia Community College workers may now be inevitable, the president of the Nova Scotia Teachers Union said late Thursday afternoon as she joined about 250 workers and their supporters for a formal protest in front of Province House.

"I'm not feeling positive by any means," said Alexis Allen. "It's sad that it has gotten this far."

The window of opportunity

to avert a strike by NSCC's 930 faculty and support staff is closing rapidly, with workers set to walk off the job Tuesday if no deal is reached. The workers want the same 2.9 per cent wage increase and improvements to medical benefits given to public school teachers last year.

"The government in power now has the purse strings, so we're looking for this government to resolve this issue," said Allen.

For its part, the provincial government has shown no signs of backing down. "Will the province blink

By the numbers

- The two sides have been bargaining for 16 months, with the most recent talks breaking off two weeks ago.
- A strike would affect 25,000 students at 13 campuses across Nova Scotia.

over the weekend? I don't think so," deputy premier Frank Corbett said following Thursday morning's cabinet meeting. "Our position remains the same and we hope that the two sides will get back to the table."

The union has called for binding arbitration, but Corbett said the NDP government won't agree unless there's some recognition that the province is financially limited by a \$592-million deficit.

Corbett added he hopes that having a strike deadline looming on the horizon will put pressure on both sides to reach an agreement. "These are two very tough-thinking groups that have positions ... but as you get closer to a strike date and realize what you have to do, it changes your mindset," he said.

N.S. courts up security after knife snuck in, used in attack

MONIQUE MUISE
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Anyone setting off the metal detectors in a Nova Scotia courthouse will be denied entry unless they can explain why the alarm is going off, the province's justice minister announced Thursday.

Ross Landry made the comments after a 16-year-old Upper Tantallon girl allegedly hid a knife inside her vagina and then used it to attack a 22-year-old woman inside the Halifax provincial courthouse Tuesday.

The metal detector did respond when the girl passed through security, but the teenager reportedly told the sheriff on duty that she had a genital piercing that was setting it off.

"As of today, all individuals going through and setting off the metal detectors, if there's not a reasonable explanation as to why the detector was set off, will be denied access to a facility," said Landry.

Landry added that in most cases, a person could prove they had a piercing simply by showing it to the sheriff on duty. "If that's not appropriate, then they may be denied access," he said. "I think the critical point here is to ensure the integrity of the system and the safety of the environment."

The teenage girl faces several charges in connection with Tuesday's incident, including attempted murder, assault with a weapon, and two counts of uttering threats.

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McDonough to receive honorary degree

Former federal NDP leader Alexa McDonough is one of three people receiving an honorary degree from Dalhousie University at its fall convocation ceremonies this weekend. McDonough, who recently retired from politics, is also a former NDP provincial leader who currently serves as interim president of Mount Saint Vincent University. Also receiving honorary degrees are Symphony Nova Scotia music director Bernhard Gueller and Senator James S. Cowan, who has a long history at Dalhousie and is a partner with the Atlantic Canadian law firm Stewart McKelvey.

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News in brief

COLLISIONS Halifax RCMP responded to three separate collisions on Highway 101 early Thursday morning involving a total of nine cars. There were no reported injuries, and police don't believe weather was a factor in the collisions, though temperatures were hovering around the freezing mark around that time.

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Eradicating poverty is "simpler than people think," says Wayne MacNaughton of Community Action on Homelessness.

"There are three things that are necessary: Sufficient housing, sufficient income and sufficient supports," he proclaimed.

MacNaughton was homeless for a few years because he couldn't find affordable housing. He now lives in the North End of Halifax in an apartment building built for people with low incomes.

At the nearby Parker Street Food and Furniture Bank, people in a jam-packed waiting room take turns getting help with food, clothing and other basics. Executive director Mel Boutillier said education is the key to breaking the cycle of poverty.

"We need to do everything we can to get people



Dennis Graves, supervisor at the Parker Street Food and Furniture Bank, refinishes a table on Wednesday. Graves has been volunteering at the food bank for 11 years and teaches furniture repair.

so they can be self-sufficient," he said. He recently ran into a client who had completed Parker Street's flooring installation program. The man was overjoyed to be employed after 18 years on social assistance.

Parker Street has in the past offered courses in IT, automobiles and skills development. They're currently waiting on funding to allow them to re-offer the

programs.

"It's a big saving for governments," Boutillier said, noting money invested in training reduces the demand on social assistance.

Peter Mortimer at the United Way of Halifax focuses on "social capital." That's the network people have to help find work, among other things. Low-income people tend to have networks rooted low-income areas, meaning they

Rally

• Make Poverty History Halifax is holding a rally Saturday to mark the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty. It starts at Victoria Park at 1 p.m., proceeding to Halifax North Memorial Library. Contact Merlin Watt, MPH Halifax coalition chair, at 401-7981 or mphhalifax@gmail.com.

miss out on "word-of-mouth" jobs in higher-income positions.

"The research makes clear that neighbourhoods that have high levels of social capital also have less crime, better income, better educational outcomes," he said.

Spryfield, for example, has "strong but isolated" networks. "We got the business network to sit down with citizen networks. It was the first time they'd actually ever talked together. That's led to all sorts of things," Mortimer said. "Getting this social capital, it has long-term implications. Over a very long time, that starts influencing some of the negative measures."

Suspect allegedly assaults Mountie

CRIME An attempted arrest turned violent Wednesday when a 16-year-old male allegedly assaulted an RCMP officer.

Halifax RCMP say they were first called to Cow Bay Road to investigate a property-damage complaint at 8 p.m. A woman reported that a rock was smashed through the window of her vehicle.

A suspect was located shortly afterwards during a vehicle stop, but police say when an officer tried to arrest him the suspect resisted. The man then punched the officer in the head several times before running away, according to police.

He was later arrested and the officer was not injured. The suspect has been charged with property damage, assaulting a police officer and resisting arrest. He will appear in court in November.

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Halifax Regional Municipality will host an information session to inform the public about the city's winter safety operations. HRM staff will discuss snow removal, winter parking regulations and parking options. The meeting will take place Monday at 6:30 p.m. in the Nantucket Room of the Dartmouth Sportsplex. **METRO HALIFAX**

NDP warns of no short-term ER solutions

CODE Nova Scotia's health minister says overcrowding at the emergency room in a Dartmouth hospital is a symptom of a problem that isn't going to be solved overnight.

Officials at the Dartmouth General Hospital have called a so-called Code Census, a step taken when there are not enough beds available to deal with an overflow of patients from the emergency room.

Maureen

MacDonald says the government has no short-term fixes for something that has plagued the provincial health system for years.

The minister says finding a solution is a priority and the government has a plan that will be rolled out in the next fiscal year.

The NDP government has promised to spend nearly \$5 million next year to open new beds to alleviate hospital overcrowding.

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Dal gets unprecedented donation

University honours billionaire Seymour Schulich after \$20-million gift

ALEX BOUTILIER
for Metro Halifax

Thanks a million — or 20.

On Thursday, Dalhousie University honoured billionaire Seymour Schulich, one of Canada's richest men, in appreciation of a \$20-million gift to the school.

In thanks of the unprecedented donation, Dalhousie law students will be graduating from the Schulich School of Law beginning this year.

The gift was formally announced at a reception at Dalhousie's Weldon Law Building Thursday evening. After an opening speech from Dalhousie President Dr. Tom Traves,

Schulich addressed the crowd, stressing that the money is meant for students, not to sit in an endowment.

"A lot of places believe that having a large endowment is the objective of an endowment," said Schulich.

"But I believe putting large amounts of money to work is the objective of an endowment. I have a very different mindset on that subject."

Michelle McBride, president of the Dalhousie Law Students' Society, said while there was some resistance amongst students to the re-naming, it subsided when they learned the gift was student-focused.



Toronto-based billionaire Seymour Schulich speaks to the crowd on hand at the Dalhousie University law school now bearing his name Thursday afternoon.

"We all love this place, and we all want good things for the future of

this place," said McBride. "And this money is going to give us the resources to

fully realize the potential of an already great law school."

Schulich came under criticism last month, after being quoted in a Halifax newspaper as saying wealthy Maritimers are not giving back enough.

He clarified his statements with reporters after his speech Thursday evening.

"I said a very few Maritime families aren't, in my opinion, carrying their weight," said Schulich. "It's not something that I haven't said in Ontario, that I haven't said in Calgary ... If you're one of the richest guys in the country, I think you have a duty to make Canada a better place."

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Traffic stop leads to drug charges

CRIME Two men and one woman are facing drug charges after Halifax Regional Police made a traffic stop then conducted a search of a residence on the Herring Cove Road Wednesday night.

Police say the incident began after first observing a drug transaction in the 100 block area of Herring Cove in the late afternoon, which eventually led to a traffic stop and a 38-year-old male driver from Sackville and a 34-year-old

male pedestrian being arrested. From there, a search of the residence on Herring Cove Road took place, with police saying they seized a quantity of cocaine, marijuana, hashish, other drug paraphernalia and cash. Police say a 33-year-old Halifax woman was arrested at the residence and is now facing drug trafficking charges, along with the 38-year-old. The 34-year-old pedestrian is facing drug possession charges.

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Enrolment up at Atlantic schools: AAU

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EDUCATION More students are flocking to the Atlantic provinces to get their education, according to numbers released by the Association of Atlantic Universities (AAU) Thursday.

The biggest jump came from international enrolments, up a whopping 16.5 per cent from last year. Graduate enrolments increased by 5.4 per cent, while undergraduate and first year enrolments increased by more modest numbers — 1.5 per cent and 0.4 per cent, respectively. Dr. Colin Dodds, president of Saint Mary's University and chair of the AAU, attributes the increase to the quality of education, as well as student life in the Maritimes.

"People are looking for good quality education, they're looking for a campus experience," said Dodds. "It's not just the academics, it's not just the research, but it's the total experience ... if you go to some of the other universi-



Saint Mary's students walk in front of the McNally Building on Thursday. A new report shows enrolment in Nova Scotia universities has increased by 2.2 per cent this year.

ties across the country, you're not going to get the same experience."

According to Dodds, the music, theatre, and social scenes in relatively small Atlantic universities provide students with an experience unique to the region. Dodds said a drop in this year's enrolments was expected by many, due to the uncertain economic

climate. But he said while times may be tough now, university graduates will be in high demand down the road.

"In three, four, five, six years time, people are going to be chasing our students desperately, because people like me are going to be retiring," he said. "There is going to be a talent shortage. The demo-

graphics tell you that."

Nova Scotian universities saw part- and full-time enrolments increase by 2.2 per cent. Dalhousie University led the way with an increase of 650 students, or 4.2 per cent.

The Nova Scotia Agricultural College had the highest percentage increase with 8.5 per cent, or 71 students.

Pot grease blamed for blaze

FIRE A fire fuelled by a pot of grease on a stove forced the evacuation of a 26-unit apartment building in Bridgewater.

Bridgewater fire Chief Wayne Thorburne says the blaze was reported just before 6 p.m. Wednesday on Pleasant Street.

Thorburne says the fire was contained quickly. No one was hurt.

Seven apartments sustained smoke and water damage, and several people needed overnight accommodations. The cleanup is expected to take a day or two. **METRO HALIFAX**

News in brief

ILLEGAL LOBSTERS A Nova Scotia fisherman has been fined \$20,000 after the largest seizure of illegal lobsters in Canada. Earl Patrick Boudreau of Wedgeport pleaded guilty to possessing 5,330 undersized lobsters. The 46-year-old was in court today before Judge Robert Prince. In May 2008, officers with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans seized the fishing vessel Kayla and Dy-

lan at the Wedgeport Tuna Wharf. In August, Daniel Edward Doucette, the captain of the Kayla and Dylan, was handed a \$50,000 fine along with a two-year suspension of his lobster licence after pleading guilty to possession of undersized lobsters, relating to the May 2008 bust. Another crewman was also fined \$2,500.

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Good turnout for fall fair

Last weekend's Maritime Fall Fair is being deemed a success. Organizers say the event was once again well-attended by the public. **METRO HALIFAX**

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Ashley MacCuish and Andrea Patterson check out part of the Edible Show at the Anna Leonowens Gallery on Thursday. In the foreground is a piece made from vinyl, polyester, cotton, confectionery and fruit leather called Sweet Little Dress by artist Arianne Pollet-Brannan. The Anna Leonowens Gallery is one of the galleries involved in Saturday's Nocturne — the annual nighttime art festival.

Nocturne expands

Evening event building on last year's success

ALEX BOUTILLIER
for Metro Halifax



Spectators at the second annual Nocturne: Art at Night event can expect even more to see and do than last year — and some interesting new ways to see and do it.

Over 30 galleries across Halifax and downtown Dartmouth will again open their doors for the city's one-night-only nocturnal celebration of Halifax's art scene. Artists will also display and perform their work in alternative spaces, such as the side of the Maritime Centre and on the Halifax Common.

This year, ArtCasts — podcasts featuring an audio tour of Nocturne's exhibits — will be available through the Art Gallery of

Exhibits

- Nocturne: Art at Night is taking place Saturday from 6 p.m. to midnight.
- For a full list of participating galleries and exhibits visit nocturnehalifax.ca.

Nova Scotia's website. ArtCasts will allow spectators to take a guided tour in absence of an actual guide, or to plan out what they want to see prior to the event, according to Laura Carmichael, Nocturne's committee chair.

Walking tours will still be available — in fact, they will be more frequent.

"Last year we did (tours) every two hours, but now (visitors) can take a tour every hour," Carmichael said.

Two free buses will al-

low spectators to cover more ground, travelling between the north end, as far as Chebucto Road, and the south end, to Gorsebrook Avenue.

Carmichael attributes the change in scale of this year's event to increased volunteer participation.

"Because (last year) was such a success ... there is a great response (with) volunteers this year," she said. "Not only for the night of but also for the planning, so we've managed to get a lot more people on board." Carmichael hopes those attending this year's Nocturne will realize just how vibrant the Halifax art scene is.

"I hope that (people) will go away with a new sense of the energy that exists here in the art community," she said.

Local IT firm gets 5-year payroll rebate of up to \$700K

JOB CREATION Halifax-based IT company SheepDogInc.ca will be receiving a five-year payroll rebate of up to \$700,000, the province announced Thursday.

The government release said the company, the first certified Google Apps partner in Canada, plans to create up to 60 new jobs in Halifax over five years due to an increased demand in services.

Premier Darrell Dexter made the announcement Thursday in Toronto before delivering the keynote address to the Empire Club of Canada.

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Changes protect workers in declared emergencies

The Nova Scotia government says the jobs of employees who can't make it to work after an emergency is declared will be protected.

Labour Minister Marilyn More says amendments to the Labour Standards Code would allow workers to take unpaid emergency leave during a declared natural disaster or public health risk such as a flu pandemic.

More says the goal is to protect workers who can't perform their duties for an extended period of time during a public emergency or who need to help a family member in the event of a declared emergency.

Under the new provisions, employers would be required to allow employees to return to work without the loss of benefits or seniority.

But More says the protections are only extended when an emergency is declared under Nova Scotia's Emergency Management Act, under Canada's Emergencies Act, when the provincial medical officer of health issues an order or directive, or when a public health emergency is declared under the Health Protection Act.

More says the legislation is similar to that already in place in Ontario and Alberta.

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The federal government announced Thursday it was giving more than \$400,000 to the revitalization of downtown Bridgewater. The money, coming from the government's Economic Action Plan, is a five-phase plan, with part one the revitalization of the LaHave River Waterfront and the downtown core. **METRO HALIFAX**

Bell Aliant to close 11 local call centres

Affected staff to be offered jobs elsewhere

Bell Aliant is closing nearly a dozen call centres in Atlantic Canada by next April.

The total number of people affected wasn't disclosed, but Atlantic Canada's main phone company said its 16 customer call centres range in size from four employees to 400 and employ about 1,400 jobs in total.

It says locations with fewer than 50 employees will be closed and 200 permanent unionized employees affected by the shut-down of the smaller centres will be offered jobs at the five remaining centres.

The five remaining centres will be in Charlottetown, Halifax, Moncton and Saint John in New Brunswick and Mount Pearl in southeastern Newfoundland.

Bell Aliant says the restructuring is part of its plan to become more efficient, improve service to customers and deliver

"... our peers and competitors, relative to their size, operate with far fewer centres than we do."

Karen Sheriff, Bell Aliant's president and chief executive

strong results for investors.

Karen Sheriff, Bell Aliant's president and chief executive officer, said it is difficult to operate a large number of call centres.

"It is not only challenging to provide appropriate management, coaching and training in each location but it is no longer a sustainable or effective model. That is why our peers and competitors, relative to their size, operate with far fewer centres than we do," Sheriff said.

Aliant traces its roots to

several regulated phone monopolies that were amalgamated into one regional company when competition was introduced into the Canadian telecom industry.

Over the years since competition in local phone services has been allowed by the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission, the former regional monopolies have worked to streamline their operations.

Aliant, which is publicly traded but effectively controlled by Montreal-based BCE Inc., has undergone a number of restructuring efforts — including the acquisition of additional territory in Quebec and Ontario from other BCE companies.

It has cut jobs and streamlined its operations in the last year as it tried to become more efficient and boost its finances.

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Set in stone Monument to freedom unveiled



Tony Atuanya gets a closer look at the Black Cultural Centre for Nova Scotia Freedom Stone after it was unveiled during a ceremony outside the centre. The inscription on the stone reads "Dedicated to the memory of our ancestors and their quest for liberty."

Public gets look at King's Wharf plans

UNVEIL After years of buzz, the Dartmouth waterfront development King's Wharf will be unveiled this week. People who have already expressed interest in being involved with the retail/residential development will get the first

glimpse at an invite-only function Friday evening. There was also an invite-only event Thursday night.

Then on Saturday developer Fares Group will open the plans up to the public. From 1-4 p.m. Saturday, interested parties can drop

by to see the vision for the development at the King's Wharf sales office at the former Dartmouth Marine Slips in downtown Dartmouth.

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News in brief

CRIME Halifax Regional Police are investigating an armed robbery at the Petro Canada on Victoria Road in Dartmouth Wednesday night. Police say a man entered the store, produced a knife and demanded money from the till. Police describe the suspect as a six-foot white man in his mid-20s. He's also said to have a stocky build and a black soul-patch type goatee.

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Alleged tot killer to be tried as adult

The Supreme Court of Canada is refusing to hear an appeal launched by a Quebec man who was fighting to be tried as a minor.

Brandon Pardi is charged with hitting and killing three-year-old Bianca Leduc in 2007. Pardi turned 18 on the same day he allegedly committed the offence. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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MacKay denies seeing torture warnings

Defence Minister Peter MacKay says he never saw reports by a Canadian diplomat warning of possible torture in Afghan prisons. It was revealed this week that two reports in early 2006 warned the federal government that prisoners turned over by Canadian troops were likely being tortured. The documents were circulated widely throughout the Foreign Affairs and Defence departments and were also shared with senior military commanders in Ottawa and Afghanistan, said an affidavit filed with a military watchdog agency. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Hutterites denied licence appeal

COURTS The Supreme Court of Canada will not let a group of Alberta Hutterites re-argue their case against photo drivers licences.

The high court gives no reasons for refusing the appeal, but such a second chance is rarely granted.

The Hutterites went to court after the province required in 2003 that all licence holders be photographed for a provincial facial recognition data bank. They said the requirement violated their religious beliefs.

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Quebec Rethinking priorities



Dr. Yolaie Galarneau, prevention director, talks on vaccination as Quebec Health Minister Yves Bolduc, left, looks on at a news conference on Thursday, in Quebec City. A new poll that suggests more than a quarter of Quebec workers would go to the office with the H1N1 virus illustrates the urgent need for a new workplace culture.

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Harper says no to expanded info laws

'We can do better,' says privacy commissioner official

The Harper government has quietly nixed recommendations to expand and modernize Canada's access-to-information and privacy laws.

Accusations Thursday that the Tories have reneged on campaign promises to bring openness and transparency to the federal government.

"The access system now does not work," said Michel Drapeau, a lawyer and a leading expert on accessing government documents.

"They appear to like it this way."

Nicholson's rejection was also greeted with dis-

Tories lead polls

• The federal Conservatives continue to hold a healthy lead over the Liberals, but remain well shy of majority territory, a new poll suggests.

appointment by privacy experts, who warned that Canada's outdated Privacy Act does not cover modern technologies, such as surveillance cameras and DNA samples collected from suspects.

Nor does it give the privacy commissioner any recourse to the courts when the government inappro-

priately discloses personal information, no matter how serious the breach.

"We're very disappointed, actually," said Chantal Bernier, assistant privacy commissioner.

"While we agree with the minister that privacy is well protected in Canada, we feel we can do better."

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News in brief

BEATING Officials at the University of Western Ontario in this southwestern Ontario city are defending the violent arrest of a student captured on a video circulating on YouTube. The video shows the student

being held down in a campus building on Wednesday and pummeled by at least five campus and city police officers.

WWF REPORT A new report warns that Canada's rivers are at risk and some are even close

to drying up due to the effects of climate change and growing demand for water and energy. The WWF-Canada report looks at the health of 10 major rivers from the perspective of water flow. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Just in time for the Olympics, the Squamish First Nation has approved a proposal to install digital billboards on its lands in Vancouver, West Vancouver, North Vancouver District and Squamish — land that is exempt from municipal restrictions on billboard advertising. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Cheque-mate, say Liberals

Tories face furor over logos

The Liberals are hitting the Tories in their cheque-books.

Liberals are complaining to the federal ethics commissioner over government use of taxpayer cheques bearing the Conservative party logo or Tory MPs' signatures.

Ethics Commissioner Mary Dawson is being asked to investigate 48 separate examples of promotional government cheques that Tory MPs used to tout stimulus spending for partisan gain.

The Liberals claim to have dug up 181 examples of partisan cheque presentations on which Conservative emblems overshadow the government logo.

To underscore their point, the Liberals held a news conference beneath a backdrop image of Prime Minister Stephen Harper made from a collage of photographs of the cheque presentations.

"If the PM wants to have the Conservative party donate money to the people of Canada, we support him."

David McGuinty

Harper has acknowledged party logos should not appear on cheques.

But his officials insist there's nothing wrong with Tory MPs presenting government cheques on which their own name, or Tory sloganeering, is the most prominent feature.

No, no, says Liberal MP David McGuinty.

That gives the false impression the Tories are paying for the projects.

"If the prime minister wants to have the Conservative party donate money to the people of Canada, we support him," he said.

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Ruth Sadler, left, her daughter Cindy, second from right, and Cindy's children Shara, Danielle and Maria are shown in a family photo. Ruth, 72, will carry the torch in Tofino, B.C., next month.

Ruth, 72, catches Olympic wave

GAMES The Olympic torch will catch a wave with one of Canada's few professional surfers when it arrives in Tofino, B.C., next month.

Ruth Sadler, a 72-year-old who still surfs the waves off Vancouver Island's rugged west coast, said she has been asked to

carry the Olympic torch along a section that includes a part of the Pacific Rim National Park Reserve.

She'll take the torch into the water, up to her hips, where she'll be met by Raph Bruhwiler riding a wave and provided the seas aren't too big, she'll hand over the flame.

"I'm excited about it," said Sadler, whose family played a key role in B.C.'s early surfing community.

"I think it's a real privilege to carry the torch."

Ruth said she's exercising so she can keep fit. "I'm just making sure I get lots of walking in."

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Oilsands firms get set for trouble

ACTIVISTS Imperial Oil Ltd. is looking at its security after high-profile occupations of Alberta oilsands projects by environmentalists.

Greenpeace protesters who took over a Shell plant near Edmonton and blocked production at a Suncor Energy upgrading refinery near Fort McMurray are changing the way firms think about protecting their projects.

"I think what we've seen with the Greenpeace excursions are elements that are very well planned out," Imperial chief executive Bruce March said in Calgary.

"They're very well prepared, they're effectively executed, they're very organized and that may be changing our thinking somewhat."

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Alberta posts three-year interval for Pap smears

Alberta, citing new research, is lengthening the suggested interval between Pap smears to three years from one. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Tell 'em, Darrell

He boosts N.S. to a T.O. business crowd

Premier Darrell Dexter made this pitch to the financial heart of the country Thursday: As Canada digs itself out of recession, Nova Scotia is a solid place to invest.

Dexter spoke to the Empire Club of Canada in Toronto — his first public address outside Nova Scotia since being elected premier in June.

He touted the province's inroads on renewable energy and energy conservation.

He praised the success of companies in Nova Scotia such as Lockheed Martin and Research In Motion.

Dexter said he will work with business leaders worldwide to attract business to Nova Scotia.

"I will actively recruit businesses willing to come to Nova Scotia to access the highly educated and dedicated workforce," Dexter said.

"The people that have made the decision to come to Nova Scotia recognized



Nova Scotia 'has it all,' Premier Darrell Dexter told a crowd at the Empire Club of Canada in Toronto Thursday.

what I have known for a long time and that is Nova Scotia has it all."

Dexter's government—Atlantic Canada's first NDP government—tabled its inaugural budget last month with a \$592-million deficit the province has promised to eliminate by next spring.

After the speech, Dexter

said he's not worried the deficit will deter potential investors from the province.

"We see it as a very important thing to move back into balance," Dexter said in an interview.

He said his government is still working toward balancing the books by next year.

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The memorial museum at Auschwitz has launched a Facebook page, hoping that the popular social networking site will help it reach young people around the globe and engage them in discussions about the former Nazi death camp and the Holocaust. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

World



Well-heeled can buy gold with clothes

Glittering bait for the well-heeled shopper: Harrods department store has added gold bars to its merchandise line. The upmarket London store announced Thursday that it has joined with Swiss refiner Produits Artistiques Metaux Precieux to offer gold bars weighing 12.5 kilograms. The move comes as gold prices have been going through the roof. Based on Thursday's gold fixing price in New York, a gold bar would cost about \$462,440 US. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Nepal Go shorty, it's your birthday



Nepal's shortest man Khagendra Thapa Magar, middle, plays a guitar as he celebrates his 18th birthday Wednesday. Magar, who is 50 centimetres tall and weighs 10 pounds, has applied to Guinness World Records to be named the world's shortest man.

Huge relief as boy was not in balloon

COLORADO A six-year-old boy was found hiding in a cardboard box in his family's garage Thursday after being feared aboard a homemade helium balloon that hurtled 80 kilometres through the sky on live television.

The discovery marked a bizarre end to a saga that started when the giant silver balloon floated away from the family's yard Thursday morning, sparking a frantic rescue operation that involved military helicopters and briefly halted some departures from Denver International Airport.

Then, more than two hours after the balloon gently touched down in a field with no sign of the boy, Sheriff Jim Alderden turned to reporters during a news conference, gave a thumbs up and said six-year-old Falcon Heene was "at the house."

"Apparently he's been there the whole time," he said.

The boy's father, Richard Heene, said the family was tinkering with the balloon Thursday and that he scolded Falcon for getting inside a compartment on the craft.

He said Falcon's brother saw him inside the com-

partment and that's why they thought he was aboard the balloon when it launched.

But the boy had fled to the garage, climbing a pole into the rafters and hiding in a cardboard box, at some point after the scolding. He was never in the balloon during its two-hour journey through two counties.

"I yelled at him. I'm really sorry I yelled at him,"

Storm chasers

• The boys' parents are storm chasers who appeared twice in the ABC reality show *Wife Swap*, most recently in March.

Heene said, choking up and hugging Falcon to a news conference.

"I was in the attic and he scared me because he yelled at me," Falcon said. "That's why I went in the attic."

The flying saucer-like craft tipped precariously at times before gliding to the ground in a dirt field 20 kilometres northeast of Denver International Airport.

With the child nowhere in sight, investigators searched the balloon's path. Several people reported seeing something fall from the craft while it was in the air.

While the balloon was airborne, Colorado Army National Guard sent a UH-58 Kiowa helicopter and a Black Hawk UH-60 to try to rescue the boy, possibly by lowering someone to the balloon. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Italy denies paying off Taliban

Italy and NATO on Thursday denied a newspaper report that Italian intelligence secretly paid the Taliban thousands of dollars to keep the peace in an Afghan area under Italian control.

Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi's office called the report in the Times of

London "completely groundless." The Italian defence minister denounced it as "rubbish" and said he wanted to sue the newspaper.

In Kabul, a U.S. spokesman for NATO forces in Afghanistan denied the allegations. "We don't do bribes," Col.

Wayne Shanks said. "We don't pay the insurgents."

"The article has unnamed sources, innuendo and hyperbole," Shanks said. "We see no evidence of any of the accusations."

The Times reported that Italy had paid "tens of thousands of dollars" to Taliban commanders and

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Nobel panel argued against Obama: Paper

NORWAY Most members of the Norwegian Nobel Committee initially argued against awarding the 2009 Peace Prize to U.S. President Barack Obama before agreeing to the choice, Norwegian newspaper *Verdens Gang* said on Thursday.

The paper said three of five members had objections during the early phases of the process, but were persuaded in favour of Obama

"I had expected a debate, especially around the issues I find problematic, the war in Afghanistan."

Aagot Valle

ma by the chairman of the committee, former Prime Minister Thorbjørn

Jagland. It cited anonymous sources for a rare leak of the committee's work, meant to be kept secret for 50 years.

One of the newly elected members, Aagot Valle from the Socialist Left Party, had objections to giving the prize to Obama.

"I had expected a debate, especially around the issues I find problematic, the war in Afghanistan," Valle said earlier this week. **REUTERS**

warlords in the Surobi district, east of the capital, Kabul. The newspaper cited Western military officials, including high-ranking officers at NATO, speaking on condition of anonymity.

It accused Rome of failing to inform its allies about the payments and of misleading the French, who took over the Surobi district in mid-2008, thinking the area was quiet and safe. Shortly afterward, French troops were hit with an ambush that killed 10 soldiers and had significant political repercussions back in Paris.

French Defence Ministry spokesman Christophe Prazuck said he had "no information to confirm what has been written in the Times" and stressed that allied troops in Afghanistan share information and enjoy mutual trust. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

News in brief

PAKISTAN Islamist militants launched co-ordinated assaults on three police compounds in Pakistan's second largest city Thursday, the latest in a wave of attacks by insurgents bringing the war to the country's heartland ahead of an expected offensive against their Afghan border sanctuary. At least 19 people were killed in the Lahore attacks, most of them security officers, along with nine heavily armed attackers.

SUICIDES France Telecom says an employee at its research and development centre in the town of Lannion has committed suicide at his home — the 25th at the company in some 18 months. Unions blame the suicides on stress likely due to restructuring. Company chief Didier Lombard was paying a visit to the Lannion operation after learning that a 48-year-old employee took his life Thursday. Unions called for protests Oct. 20 to press for better work conditions. The former state-run company laid off some 22,000 people between 2006 and 2008. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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A U.S. government agency says it will not list two populations of spotted seals off Alaska's coast as threatened or endangered. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration announced Thursday it will, however, list a population of spotted seals that live off the coasts of Russia and China as threatened. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Tylenol may not be magic for babies

Study shows giving infants acetaminophen may make vaccinations less effective

Giving babies Tylenol to prevent fever when they get childhood vaccinations may backfire and make the shots a little less effective, surprising new research suggests.

It is the first major study to tie reduced immunity to the use of fever-lowering medicines. Although the effect was small and the vast majority of kids still got enough protection from

vaccines, the results make "a compelling case" against routinely giving Tylenol right after vaccination, say doctors from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. They wrote an editorial accompanying the study, published in Friday's issue of the British medical journal, *Lancet*.

Tylenol or its generic twin, acetaminophen, is widely recommended as a

Preventive only

• The study only looked at preventive use of Tylenol — not whether it is OK to use after a fever develops.

painkiller for babies. Many parents give it right before or after a shot to prevent fever and fussiness, and some doctors recommend this. The CDC's vaccine ad-

visory panel says it is a reasonable thing to do for children at high risk of seizures, which can be triggered by fevers.

However, fever after a vaccine isn't necessarily bad — it's a natural part of the body's response.

Curbing fever, especially the first time a baby gets a vaccine, also seems to curb the immune response and the amount of protective

antibodies that are made, the new study found.

It was led by scientists in the Czech Republic and was done at 10 medical centres in that country. It involved 459 healthy infants, nine to 16 weeks old, who were getting vaccines against polio, pneumonia, meningitis, whooping cough, tetanus, hepatitis and other childhood diseases.

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Sweat lodge deaths murders?

ARIZONA An Arizona sheriff investigating the deaths of two people during a sweat lodge ceremony led by self-help expert James Arthur Ray says the fatalities are now being investigated as homicides.

Yavapai County Sheriff Steve Vaughn said Thursday that the deaths of 38-year-old Kirby Brown of Westtown, N.Y., and 40-year-old James Shore of Milwaukee were not accidental.

Ray led more than 50 people into a makeshift sweat lodge at a retreat on Oct. 8. After about two hours, Brown and Shore were pulled out of the sweat lodge. Nineteen other people were taken to hospitals and one remains in critical condition.

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Dutch anti-Islamic politician due in Britain

LONDON A Dutch lawmaker notorious for his outspoken attacks on Islam was expected in London on Friday — eight months after British authorities barred him from the country for fear that his presence would incite violence.

Geert Wilders, the leader of Holland's Freedom Party, is expected to address the media outside Parliament following a meeting with his lawyers and British supporters, according to Malcolm Pearson, a lawmaker in Britain's House of Lords.

Wilders, who describes the Qur'an as fascist and opposes Muslim immigration to the Netherlands, is known for his 15-minute film *Fitna*, which outraged Muslims across the world by suggesting that Islam was synonymous with terrorism and violence.

"Clearly, Mr. Wilders' statements and behaviour during a visit will inevitably impact on any future decisions to admit him."

British Home Office statement on Wilders

Wilders won an appeal Tuesday overturning a government ban on his entering the U.K. But officials did suggest that Wilders would be watched.

"Clearly Mr. Wilders' statements and behaviour during a visit will inevitably impact on any future decisions to admit him," Britain's Home Office said in a statement.

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Drug cartel figure set to plead guilty

COCAINE Mexico's Arellano Felix drug cartel was near the height of its power in March 2000 when one of its top men, Jesus "Chuy" Labra, was arrested watching his son's soccer game at a school in Tijuana.

Now, as Labra prepares to plead guilty in a San Diego criminal case, the gang he once helped lead is in a diminished state.

Labra was extradited to the United States from Mexico on the last day of 2008 to face drug, racketeering and money laundering charges. A federal court docket says Labra will change his plea but does not say on which charges.

Labra tapped connections with Colombian cocaine traffickers and Mexican marijuana growers and regularly participated in the cartel's major decisions, ac-

cording to the 2003 indictment. He is accused of smuggling pot across the border to the U.S. beginning in the 1970s. Labra later moved into cocaine when Colombian suppliers shifted trafficking routes from the Caribbean and Florida to ports of entry along the U.S.-Mexico border, said John Kirby, a former federal prosecutor who co-wrote the indictment.

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Sour buds, not popping bubbles

SCIENCE Like the fizz of a soft drink? Thank your tongue's sour-sensing taste buds. No, it is not the popping bubbles that gives the "taste" of carbonation.

So says a report in Friday's edition of the journal *Science*, where researchers tackled the puzzle: How do we taste the carbon dioxide that gives carbonated drinks their fizz? It turns out that the taste buds that let us sense sourness have an enzyme on their surface that interacts with carbon dioxide, said researchers from the University of California, San Diego, and the National Institutes of Health.

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Puerto Rico Demonstrations against layoffs



A masked demonstrator marches with a Puerto Rican flag during a protest in the capital San Juan, Thursday. Thousands of protesters gathered at Puerto Rico's financial hub in a rally against Gov. Luis Fortuno and the layoffs of more than 20,000 public employees.

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Stronger communities

United Way focusing on energy, resources to tackle poverty



Al
Hatton

With the passing of Thanksgiving, Canadians are unofficially entering the holiday season. Even with the economic downturn that struck last year, an Ipsos Reid poll found that eight in 10 Canadians maintained or increased charitable giving last Christmas. Even with this much-needed and appreciated generosity, the fact remains that poverty and its aggravating or consequent social problems remain a reality in Canada all year long.

According to the Canadian Council on Social Development, 3.4 million Canadians (11.2 per cent of the population) were living in

poverty in 2004. Poverty rates were highest among children and youth under the age of 18. Child poverty is particularly distressing because it leads to a range of negative outcomes for the children, their families, and communities.

While in a time of economic crisis, it is critical to continue to support those agencies and centres assisting those most in need. The notion of "Band-Aid solutions" has now long been understood and has gained a negative connotation for just treating the symptoms of poverty and other social problems. Leading academics, policy-makers, and front-line workers recognize the need for both fulfilling immediate needs of those in poverty and creating long-term solutions to alleviate poverty. It is the combination of both approaches that will lead to

Eradicating Poverty

stronger, healthier communities and, therefore, a greater quality of life for all Canadians.

In advance of the holiday season there is the annual United Way-Centraide campaign (UW-C), run by the 118 United Ways-Centraides (UWs-Cs) across Canada. Next to governments, United Way-Centraide is the largest funder of social services in the country. Collectively, UW-Cs raised upwards of \$480 million last year to be reinvested in their communities.

The high-profile UW-C campaigns continue to be a successful approach to support agencies and assist vulnerable people. They fulfil needs that otherwise would not be met. However, for the past few years,

UW-Cs have also been tackling the more challenging problem of reducing poverty.

That's why UW-C now focuses energy and resources to creating "community impact." Community impact is about achieving meaningful, long-term improvements to quality of life in Canadian communities. It's about making fundamental changes to community conditions.

UW-C understands how connected and interdependent we all are. Everyone wins when a child is nourished, when families are financially independent, and when all people have opportunities to live a good life. With each life that improves, everyone is strengthened — communities are stronger.

Al Hatton is president and chief executive officer of United Way of Canada — Centraide Canada.



Worth mentioning

Some bosses bully to hide insecurities, study finds

That boss bullying you today might not just be a power-hungry jerk.

A University of California study says it has found a link that shows nasty bosses may be acting like that because, underneath, they feel incompetent. The more incompetent they thought they were, the study released Thursday found, the more aggressive they became to people who

underling's ability to win a prize, he took it. Another showed that, feeling his ego wounded and overwhelmed by his job, a boss would subject a worker whom they thought made a mistake to a "loud, obnoxious" horn, rather than a quiet one.

Test after test showed it wasn't whether a boss was genuinely inadequate, but how much they thought they were inadequate or thought other people thought they were inadequate that turned them into bullies.

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worked for them.

Researchers conducted four separate tests of their theory and each one bore out the findings.

One study found that when a boss, who thought he was in over his head, had the chance to sabotage an

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Never-ending cycle for 'lost children'

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Earlier this month, she turned 19. She is now officially an adult. She never had a childhood.

I'd tell you her name, but I can't. Besides, it wouldn't mean anything to you.

This might.

In the fall of 2006, when she was just 16, she was — briefly — a media sensation after she landed in provincial youth court facing 32 criminal charges involving incidents that had occurred in and around group homes where she had been living.

Her lawyer told Judge Pam Williams she was a "troubled" girl who needed daily psychiatric care. She wasn't getting it, the lawyer said, because the province had failed to provide the necessary resources.

Frustrated, Williams ordered then-community services minister Judy Streatch — the official legal guardian for 2,000 kids her department had placed "in care" — to personally attend a case conference to discuss how to get the girl the help everyone agreed she needed.

And then, of course, all hell broke loose. A cabinet minister responsible for an individual child? It just wasn't one. In the end, the judge rescinded her unprecedented order.

But it didn't matter.

By then, the girl had disappeared. And no one seemed eager to find her.

I did. Ten months later, we met in a Subway restaurant. I was doing a story about Lost Children for The Coast and I wanted to know about her life in care, and what she remembered of life with her mother.

"I remember she used to buy me cats," she told me. "And we fed the swans. We moved around a lot, too. I remember that."

She couldn't remember how many foster families she had lived with. She remembered none could cope with her. "I was frustrated," she says. She missed her mother.

In 1999, when she was just nine years old, community services officials obtained court approval to remove her from her moth-

er's care because — they claimed — they could raise her better than her mother.

The girl's mother wasn't a perfect parent. She grew up poor in an abusive home herself, got shunted to foster care, and became pregnant at 15. She had no job, no idea how to be a mother. "If only they'd helped my parents be better parents," she told me sadly. "If only they'd helped me..."

They didn't. Instead, they took her daughter. By all accounts, they didn't do such a good job.

Now the girl is 19, an adult, on her own. The cycle continues.





Happy Birthday.

Stephen Kimber, the Rogers Communications Chair in Journalism at the University of Kings College, is the author of eight books.

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Tale of two economies

New reports show Canada is a tale of two economies: while the housing sector appears to be booming, manufacturing continues to lag.

The Canadian Real Estate Association says sales of existing homes during the third quarter were among the strongest on record. National home resales through the Multiple Listing Service owned by Canada's realtors totalled 135,182 in the third quarter of 2009, up 18 per cent from a year earlier and the most of any third quarter on record.

It was also the biggest year-over-year gain since early 2002 — another sign Canada's housing market

is returning to health.

The seasonally adjusted tally was 127,941 homes resold, up 12 per cent from the second quarter and 48 per cent higher than the fourth quarter of 2008.

But it's a different story for the export-oriented manufacturing sector, where Statistics Canada says factory shipments fell 2.1 per cent in August as the activity from the U.S. cash-for-clunkers program subsided. And the outlook for Canada's shrinking export sector is getting darker with the loonie's recent surge and forecasts that the American consumer is likely to remain on the sidelines for some time to come. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Montreal **Air Canada** gets smart



Patrice Ouellette, director of customer service platforms for Air Canada, shows the airline's newly released application for mobile phones at a news conference in Montreal Thursday. The app will allow customers to access and book flights as well as check-in with their smartphones.

Canwest receives notice of Nov. 13 delisting from TSX

TRADING Canwest Global Communications Corp. announced Thursday it had received notice of delisting from the Toronto Stock Exchange effective at market close Nov. 13.

Trading in Canwest shares, which sit at 23.5 cents, is to remain suspended. The media conglomerate's stock was halted Oct. 5 when it filed for creditor protection under a mountain of debt. The company made its first

court appearance in Toronto Wednesday where it received approval for a timetable that would see its restructuring completed by the end of January.

Canwest spokesman John Douglas downplayed the latest development, suggesting that the media conglomerate has several alternative options, which include appealing the delisting, as well as listing on another stock exchange. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Business in brief

TRAVEL Canadian airports face a slow recovery from the drop in passenger traffic caused by the recession, says the DBRS ratings service, which expects sluggish air travel well into 2010. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Canadian auto securitization market doing well, says DBRS

Could be good news for those seeking loans to buy cars

A number of safeguards have helped the Canadian market for securities backed by auto loans and leases weather the economic storm, which in turn could help consumers get financing for new cars, credit rating agency DBRS says.

The auto securitization market — which packages vehicle loans and leases as well as loans for dealerships into securities that can be sold — has been relatively healthy through the recession due to “preventive medicine” including “prudent planning and robust structures,” DBRS said in a commentary Thursday.

And the fact that investors have been able to maintain a healthy degree of confidence in auto securities could help boost credit availability for con-

“If the asset class continues to perform, investors may have more confidence in this type of financing. This may result in more available financing for customers.”

Tim O’Neil, DBRS

sumers looking to buy a new vehicle, said Tim O’Neil, DBRS’s vice-president of Canadian structured finance.

“With these structures continuing to perform well, it means that you can see the consumers are continuing to pay their loans and despite an increase in delinquencies and defaults there is enough enhancement in the AAA-rated transaction to prevent investor loss, so far,” O’Neil said in an interview.

“If the asset class contin-

ues to perform, investors may have more confidence in this type of financing. This may result in more available financing for customers.”

General Motors’ financing arm, GMAC Financial Services, said the Canadian auto financing market continues to be in much better shape than in the United States.

“From our perspective, financing or credit for retail purchases of automobiles in Canada continues to be reasonable,” GMAC spokesman Tony Sapienza

said.

“The credit has not really been restricted as much as it has in the U.S.”

DBRS said delinquency and default rates on auto-related asset-backed securities have increased over the last 18 months due to the recession, but this was “not cause for alarm.”

Many transactions have a built-in “early warning signal” that alerts investors if delinquencies among the assets in the securities increase beyond normal fluctuations, the report says.

In addition, structured loan products in the Canadian auto securitization market are protected from creditors if the company selling the loans or leases goes bankrupt, providing additional investor assurances.

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Animal House **Bears, bulls, cats?**



John Gardiner and Lewd, his two-year-old Sphynx cat, visit the floor of the New York Stock Exchange Thursday after participating in opening bell ceremonies with 4Kids Entertainment Inc.

Harley-Davidson sees profit slide

MOTORCYCLES In a retrenchment brought on by slowing motorcycle sales, Harley-Davidson Inc. is selling off two sport brands and looking overseas for new customers.

The company, which on Thursday reported an 84-per cent slide in third-quarter profits, said it plans to stop making Buell motorcycles and will sell its Varese, Italy-based MV Agusta division in order to focus on its namesake brand.

“The return that we gen-

Job cuts

- About 100 salaried workers and about 80 hourly positions will be eliminated at Harley-Davidson, with most of the cuts by Dec. 18.

erate from a sale of an MV Agusta or even a Buell, it’s far less than the return we get on a Harley-Davidson,” CEO Keith Wandell told The Associated Press. “We’re going to be able to grow the company more

quickly ... by investing in the power of the Harley-Davidson brand.”

The Milwaukee-based company will sell off its remaining Buell stock, including motorcycles, accessories and apparel, through its dealerships. Dealers will continue to offer replacement parts, warranties and service for Buell bikes. The line’s closing will likely result in a \$125 million US one-time cost, with about \$115 million of that amount this year.

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Canada given B grade for its pension system

RANKING Canada’s pension system has been ranked fourth out of 11 countries on an index that compares systems based on their adequacy, sustainability and integrity.

The report released Thursday by international consulting firm Mercer noted that while the public- and private-sector pillars of the Canadian system are strong compared with many other countries, the system could be improved in several ways.

The report says Canada should increase the level of coverage of employees in occupational plans, find a way to ensure that voluntary retirement savings aren’t spent before retirement, raise the level of household savings and increase the pension age as life expectancy increases.

Canada was given a B grade overall for its pension system, behind the Netherlands, Australia and Sweden. Britain, the United States, Chile and Singapore received a C, while Germany, China and Japan received a D.

The adequacy of Canada’s pension system was rated at 76.2 out of 100, its sustainability at 64.2 and its integrity was rated 80.9, according to Mercer’s index.

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Basketball Nova Scotia is holding a coaching summit in Halifax on the weekend. Brian Winters, a two-time NBA all-star and former head coach of the Vancouver Grizzlies, will present to coaches at Mount Saint Vincent University on Saturday and Westmount School on Sunday. **METRO HALIFAX**

Sports



McDonald makes roster

Former Halifax Mooseheads defenceman Scott McDonald, now with the Pictou County Crushers, has been named to the Maritime Junior A Hockey League roster for next month's world junior A challenge in Summerside, P.E.I.

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Huskies take on Redmen Saturday

FOOTBALL The Saint Mary's Huskies (4-1) are on the road this weekend to face the McGill Redmen (3-2) on Saturday.

It's the Huskies' second Atlantic-Quebec interlock contest of the Canadian Interuniversity Sport season. They beat the Sherbrooke Vert et Or 26-23 at home on Sept. 26.

The Redmen beat Sherbrooke 29-11 on Sept. 11 and boast the fourth best rushing attack (217 yards per game) and fifth best pass defence (195 yards per game) in the CIS.

Game time is 2 p.m. The conference-leading St. Francis Xavier X-Men (5-0) host the Bishop's Gaitsers in another interlock contest.

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Moncton at P.E.I., 8 p.m.

Rimouski at Baie-Comeau, 8:30 p.m.

HALIFAX AT CHICOUTIMI, 8:30 p.m.

Acadie-Bathurst at Rouyn-Noranda, 8:30 p.m.

Cape Breton at Shawinigan, 8:30 p.m.

Quebec at Montreal, 8:35 p.m.

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Montreal at Gatineau, 5 p.m.

Val-d'Or at Rouyn-Noranda, 5 p.m.

Drummondville at Lévis, 5 p.m.

Cape Breton at Quebec, 8 p.m.

Moncton at Saint John, 8 p.m.

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Halifax at Baie-Comeau, 5 p.m.

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Lack of scoring sinks Herd

Goals from Knotek, Grant not enough against Remparts

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The Halifax Mooseheads' top guns keep on firing, but the rest of the team continues shooting blanks.

Captain Tomas Knotek and 19-year-old Gerrard Grant extended lengthy point streaks but the Mooseheads lost for the 12th time in 13 games with a 3-2 road setback to the Quebec Remparts last night in QMJHL action at Pepsi Colisee.

Knotek's fifth goal of the season in the first period stretched his point streak (three goals, seven assists) to nine games, while Grant's fifth of the year with 24 seconds left stretched his streak (five goals, four assists) to eight games.

But Quebec's David Gilbert — the Herd's sixth overall pick in 2007 who was traded to acquire Brad Marchand — was the hero,



Gerrard Grant stretched his point streak to eight games with a goal against the Quebec Remparts on Thursday.

as his goal at 9:12 of the third stood as the winner.

The Mooseheads' first line of Knotek, Grant and Travis Randell has accounted for all of the team's goals the past two games and 12

Cam Russell. "But to have some success we have to get some secondary scoring and we have some younger guys and older guys who are capable of giving us more."

Knotek's streak is second best in the QMJHL this season.

The Mooseheads were out-shot 29-24 and received a 26-save performance from Mathieu Corbeil. Bedford native Peter Delmas made 22 saves for the Remparts.

The last-place Mooseheads are 1-11-1, but Russell liked what he saw against the Remparts, a top contender.

"We're playing really good system hockey," Russell said. "We're a tough team to play against and other teams have to work extremely hard to generate chances."

The Mooseheads head to Chicoutimi for an 8:30 p.m. matchup with the Saguenéens on Friday night and then to Baie-Comeau for a 5 p.m. tilt with the Drakkar on Sunday.

New pickup 'has very big upside in terms of his offensive potential'

WAIVERS The Moncton Wildcats didn't have room for defenceman Paul Dimitruk, but the Halifax Mooseheads do.

The Mooseheads acquired the 19-year-old off waivers from the Wildcats yesterday and immediately inserted him into the lineup against the Quebec Remparts. He was the third star with two shots and a minus-1 rating.

Dimitruk had two goals and three assists along with

a plus-20 rating and 63 penalty minutes in games with the Wildcats last season, his first in the QMJHL.

The Andover, Mass., native got lost in the shuffle with the powerful Wildcats this season, recording no points in five games. With the last-place Mooseheads, he is expected to be more than capable of logging top-four minutes.

"He has very big upside in terms of his offensive potential," said Wildcats assistant coach Fabian Joseph. "He's a very good skater who handles the puck really well."

"He has the potential to be a top-four defenceman and in Halifax he might get the opportunity to (realize)

that." The Wildcats are gearing



Paul Dimitruk

up for a run at a QMJHL championship after the acquisition of star Russian forward Kirill Kabanov. With the likes of Brandon Gormley, Mark Barberio, David Savard and Simon Jodoin eating up minutes on the Wildcats' blue-line, Dimitruk was the odd man out. "It's nothing against him," Joseph said. "He's got a lot of potential, he just needed more ice time to develop."

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Huskies, coach sign extension for five years

HOCKEY The Saint Mary's Huskies have signed men's hockey coach Trevor Stienburg to a five-year contract extension.

Stienburg, head coach of the Huskies for 13 seasons, has a career record of 182-121-24 and is entering the final season of a three-year contract. The new pact runs through the end of the 2014-15 Atlantic University Sport campaign.

"We're happy to have Trevor behind the bench for the Huskies for the next five years," said Steve Sarty,

the school's athletics director. "He's a tremendous asset to the hockey program and the university community at large."

Stienburg, a former NHLer, led the Huskies to an AUS title last season. The Huskies visit the Dalhousie Tigers on Friday at 7 p.m. at Memorial Arena to open a new season.

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Sports in brief

JUNIOR A HOCKEY Travis Perry scored the overtime winner as the Halifax Lions squeaked past the Truro Bearcats 3-2 in Maritime Junior A Hockey League action last night at the Forum. Kyle Dilosa and Andrew Wigginton added singles for the Lions, 2-4-1. **METRO HALIFAX**



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AC Milan not for sale, says Berlusconi

Italian Premier Silvio Berlusconi says he has no intention of selling AC Milan and hopes David Beckham returns to the club. Albanian oil tycoon Rezart Taci recently said he was prepared to purchase Milan for \$1 billion US.

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Legend of The Herminator

Field of Play

Scott Russell

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To see him cry at his retirement was startling. Hermann Maier, the indestructible force of downhill skiing, is human after all.

Here was a man who had come to define his sport. As a teenager he was told he was too scrawny to make the powerful Austrian team, so he retreated to his hometown of Flachau to work as a bricklayer in the summer and a ski instructor in the winter.

He emerged to conquer the alpine world.

In all, Maier claimed 54 World Cup victories, four overall World Cup titles, four Olympic medals, and three world championships.

Not bad for a castoff. Maier even survived a 2001 motorcycle crash where he nearly lost his life to win at Kitzbuhel again. It was the kind of victory that defied comprehension. Kitzbuhel has destroyed the dreams of the most physically sound skiers — much less those who have had their lives reconstructed as Maier had.

"I would argue that it is the biggest comeback to glory of any athlete ever," Todd Brooker noted. Brooker, one of the Crazy Canucks of the late 1970s

and '80s, also won at Kitzbuhel and suffered its devastation when a horrific crash there hastened his retirement.

"No one could ever say that Maier didn't give it everything he had," Brooker continued. "He has been an example of steadfast determination to achieve a lifetime goal. His was to be the best ski racer on the planet."

Alpine Canada's chief athletics officer, Max Gartner, is in agreement. Gartner, who is Austrian born, first pointed to Maier as someone for Canadians to watch in 1996, the year The Herminator roared onto the scene and started piling up wins as a 23 year old.

"His focus on every little detail was unprecedented," Gartner said. "He showed

that almost anything can be overcome and his legacy is that he moved the sport to a new level."

To watch Maier compete was to understand that no race was over until he had descended the mountain and delivered his patented aggressive attack. The other athletes all understood that he alone set the standard.

For those Canadians of a certain generation, meeting Maier was akin to encountering Jean Beliveau or Bobby Orr.

You just knew The Herminator was a living legend. There was no one else quite like him.

Scott Russell is the Host of CBC Sports Weekend seen Saturday afternoons. He has covered professional and amateur sports including nine Olympic games and numerous world championships.

NLCS Tagged out



Philadelphia Phillies Shane Victorino is tagged out on Thursday night by Los Angeles Dodger Rafael Furcal during the first game of the National League championship series. For full game results, visit metronews.ca/sports.

Sports in brief

NFL Conservative radio personality Rush Limbaugh lashed out at NFL union leader DeMaurice Smith, Al Sharpton, Jesse Jackson and the media a day after being dropped from a group trying

to buy the St. Louis Rams. On his syndicated show Thursday, Limbaugh said he was approached by St. Louis Blues chairman Dave Checketts earlier this year about participating in a Rams bid.

NBA LeBron James and teammates Darnell Jackson and Co-by Karl have tested positive for influenza A, and are being treated as if they have the H1N1 virus. H1N1, also known as swine flu, is a strain of

influenza A, and though the Cavaliers have not gotten back H1N1 test results on the three, the team said it is being proactive in treating players and the travelling party to Texas.

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Young Canadian fighter signs UFC deal

MMA There's a new young gun in the UFC and he's Canadian — 20-year-old welterweight Rory (The Waterboy) MacDonald.

The mixed martial arts fighter from Kelowna, B.C., believed to be the

youngest on the UFC's roster, has signed a four-bout deal. He is expected to make his debut Jan. 11 on a televised Ultimate Fight Night card against Michael Guymon in Fairfax, Va.

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Canadian Patrick Chan has withdrawn from next week's ISU Grand Prix figure skating event in Russia because of a tear in his left calf. Chan hopes to compete as scheduled at the HomeSense Skate Canada International in Kitchener, Ont., Nov. 19-22. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Sports in brief

FORMULA ONE Fernando Alonso downplayed comments made by future Ferrari teammate Felipe Massa, who accused him of knowing Nelson Piquet Jr. was going to deliberately crash at the 2008 Singapore Grand Prix to help him win the race.

WORLD CUP FIFA president Sepp Blatter has reportedly told Vladimir Putin that Russia has a "good chance" of winning the hosting rights to the 2018 or 2022 World Cup after meeting with him in Moscow. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



The Olympic silver, gold and bronze medals are seen during an unveiling ceremony Thursday in Vancouver. At more than half a kilogram each, they are among the heaviest medals in Olympic history.

Each medal part of bigger work

VANCOUVER 2010 Games

JEFF HODSON
Metro Canada

Every athlete who ascends the podium during the 2010 Games will take home a unique medal, Olympic organizers said Thursday morning during a medal unveiling at the Athletes' Village.

The design of each of 1,014 gold, silver or bronze medals is taken from hand-cropped sections of two large works of West Coast art — an orca for the Olympics, a raven for Paralympics.

It means the designs, by local artist/designer Corrine Hunt, could be roughly recreated — if someone had the time to arrange the medals like a precious-metal jigsaw.

"We wanted each piece to be completely unique," said co-designer Omer Arbel. "We felt that, unlike other medals in other Games, it was important that each athlete take home a piece that was different than every other athlete."

Each medallist will also receive a silk scarf with the original art so they can see where their medal fits in the overall design.

Making medals

- Unlike previous Olympic medals that were cast in a mould, each of the 2010 medals was created by being stamped under 1,900 tonnes of pressure.
- Each medal will have the Olympic discipline laser-inscribed on the back.

The medals are not flat, but gently undulated, "inspired by ocean waves." The Olympic medals are 10 centimetres in diameter and are circular in shape, while their Paralympic cousins are squared circles.

At more than half a kilogram each, they are among the heaviest medals in Olympic history.

"I thought there was no way we'd be able to replicate it," said Stephane Ouellette, a machinist at the Royal Canadian Mint. "Not a thousand times. Not a thousand times different. ... But we didn't have a choice. This is what they wanted and we had to work with it."

VANOC executive vice-president Dave Cobb said the medals were created over a two-year period and in consultation with athletes, who wanted something that was unique from other Games, uniquely Canadian and simply "big and heavy."

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Montreal not taking lead in USL final for granted



SOCCER With a one-goal edge and home-field advantage, the Montreal Impact would seem in command for the second leg of the United Soccer Leagues' First Division final against the Vancouver Whitecaps.

But Impact veteran Mauro Biello isn't taking anything for granted against the defending champion Whitecaps. The Impact won the first leg of the two-game, total-goals final 3-2 in Vancouver last weekend. The second leg is set for Saturday (Fox Sports World Canada, 3:30 p.m. AT) before a sell-out crowd of 13,034 at Saputo Stadium.

"The one-goal lead doesn't guarantee us anything," Biello said Thurs-

day. "You have to play the game and we have to impose our game like we did in Vancouver."

"If we sit back and try to defend the lead we could be in trouble. Soccer is a funny game. The ball can bounce in any direction. We have to be prepared for a very difficult game and if we do that, we can be successful."

The Whitecaps, who squeaked into the seventh and final playoff spot and then upset Portland and Carolina in the playoffs, are certainly not hanging their heads.

"Our whole season has been an underdog deal," said midfielder Wes Knight. "We can play with nothing to lose."

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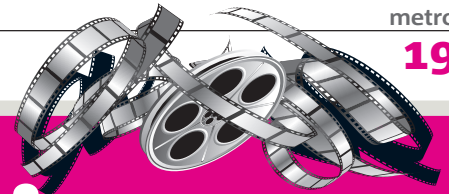


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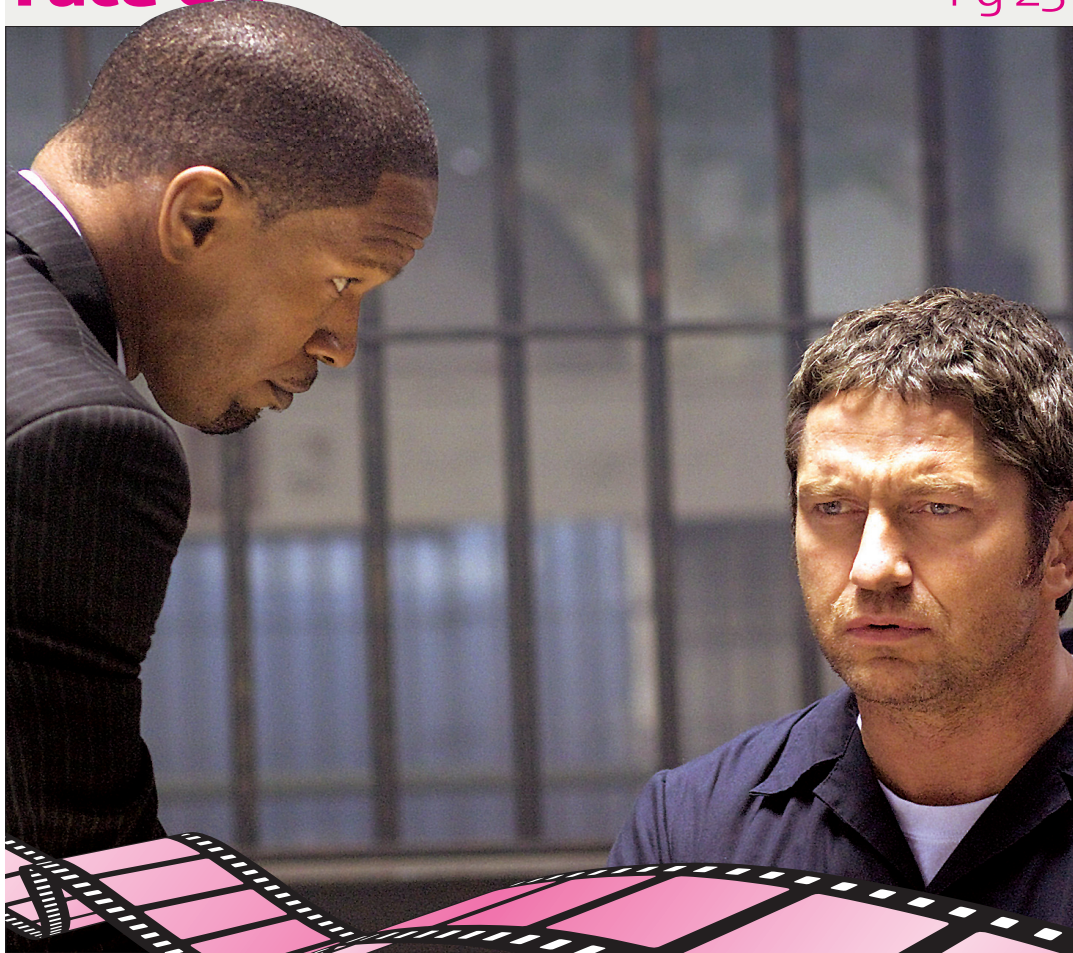
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●●●●● A CLASSIC; ●●●● EXCELLENT; ●●● GOOD; ●● FAIR; ● POOR



Gerard Butler seeks revenge for the death of his family in Law Abiding Citizen.

Average Citizen

Law Abiding Citizen

Director: F. Gary Gray
Stars: Jamie Foxx, Gerard Butler, Viola Davis
Classification: 14A
Rating: ●●●%

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

Law Abiding Citizen is an efficient, high-concept thriller that hits enough of the right notes to entertain, but doesn't quite work as well as it should.

The screenplay is filled with twists, but unfortunately most of them are obvious. The suspense sequences are well crafted, but don't really offer anything new.

It's an easy way to kill a few hours, just don't expect to be raving about a new genre classic when it is over.

This is a fast food kind of

On the web

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movie. It goes down smooth, but offers nothing substantial afterwards beyond an icky aftertaste.

Jamie Foxx and Gerard Butler face off as a career-focused attorney and criminal mastermind respectively. Butler's wife and child are murdered in the opening scene and Foxx's lawyer strikes up a plea bargain with one of the lowlifes responsible to further his career.

Ten years later Butler launches an insanely complicated revenge plot that sees nearly everyone involved with the case have their life threatened while Butler is locked up in prison and seemingly powerless.

The premise isn't bad, it

just stretches believability pretty far and holds few surprises.

Foxx and Butler are superstars of the moment and do a decent job with their roles, but never get a chance to stretch beyond playing established character types.

This was most likely a paycheck movie for both, but at least neither of them phoned in their performance.

Director F. Gary Gray knows how to use the camera and stages a few eye-popping set pieces tailor made for MTV-raised audiences, but the movie never gets as a whole.

Unfortunately none of the talent involved can raise the material above the clichéd screenplay, nor does it even feel like a decent B-movie.

Law Abiding Citizen is neither surprisingly good nor disappointingly bad; it's just thoroughly mediocre.

Cairo Time a modest romance

Cairo Time

Director: Ruba Nadda
Stars: Patricia Clarkson, Alexander Siddig
Classification: STC
Rating: ●●●●%

ADAM NAYMAN
for Metro Canada

REVIEW Winner of the Best Canadian Feature prize at TIFF, Ruba Nadda's Cairo Time is being hyped to the moon as this fall's home-grown theatrical hit, but please don't hold that against it.

There's nothing nearly so aggressive in the film, which orbits Juliette, a Canadian magazine editor

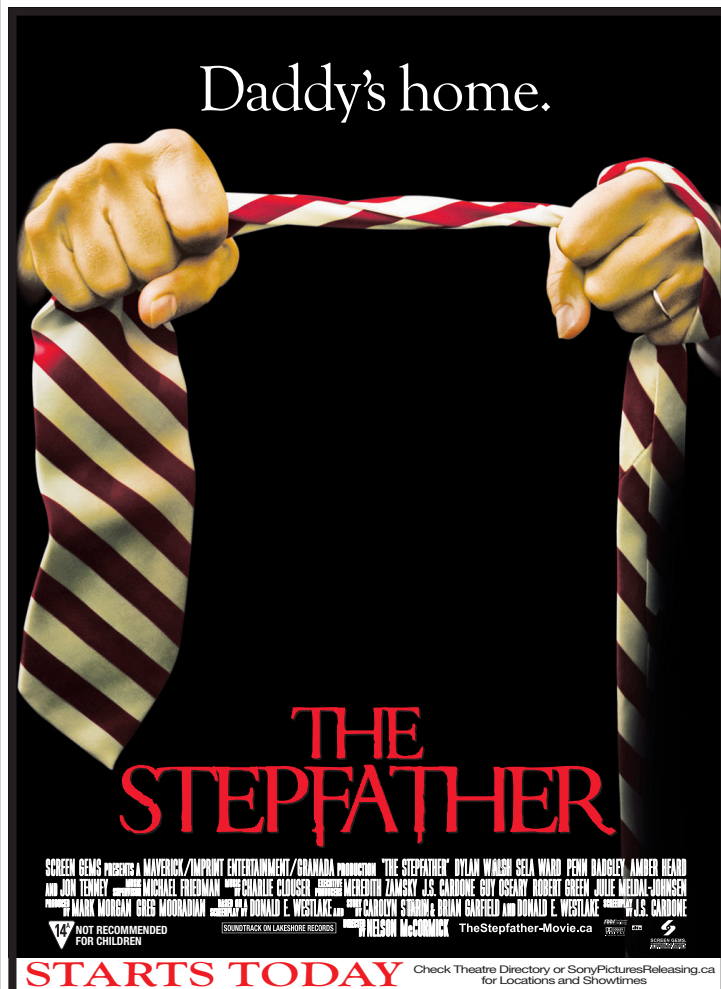
stranded on vacation in the eponymous Egyptian capital while her husband toils for the United Nations. She's played by Patricia Clarkson, an actress with a knack for inhabiting plausibly intelligent characters: she does an excellent job of modulating Juliette's culture shock without turning her into a naif.

The first movements of Cairo Time are very much a one woman show, but Clarkson eventually gets a worthy screen partner in Alexander Siddig, who plays Tareq, a soulful, slightly doleful coffee house manager who becomes Juliette's escort through the bustling streets and then a possible

romantic option as her husband's absence drags on.

The Brief Encounter set-up and evocation of vacation time-melancholy clearly recall *Lost in Translation*. But while Nadda lacks Sofia Coppola's off-hand visual sophistication, she's also a more mature filmmaker, with no stomach for poor-little-rich-girl affections.

Clarkson may be playing an outsider, but it's clear that Nadda has a feeling for the city and its rhythms that elides simple exoticism. Perhaps Cairo Time isn't much more than a good-looking, well-acted contemporary romantic drama, but that's fine: Its modesty is becoming.



Movies

★★★★ A CLASSIC; ★★★★★ EXCELLENT; ★★★ GOOD; ★★ FAIR; ★ POOR

Creepy, crazy step-parents

InFocus

Richard Crouse

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The Stepfather, a remake of the 1987 cult film, hits theatres today.

A little more than kin," says Hamlet, "and less than kind."

That was Shakespeare's eloquent way of describing his main character's stepfather. Less eloquent is the line from 1987's *The Stepfather*, "He's just some crazy creep! He's not my father," but you get the idea; replacement parents have not been treated well by pop culture.

That trend continues this weekend with *The Stepfather*, a remake of the underrated 1987 gem that launched *Lost* star Terry O'Quinn to cult celebrity. Playing a psychotic man determined to find the perfect family he's kind of a

talented Mr. Ripley type but his flair is for marrying widows and offing them when he discovers any crack in his new family's flawless facade.

This movie spawned two sequels with diminishing results. The first follow-up, titled *Stepfather II: Make Room for Daddy*, was released in theatres, a third sequel, however, bypassed theatres and went straight to television leading Variety to joke, "if there's a fourth issue, it'll be a home movie."

Similar in theme to *The Stepfather*, but way more sinister is *The Night of the Hunter*. Heavy-lidded tough guy actor Robert Mitchum is Harry Powell, a preacher with a complicated relationship with God. He's also a grifter and killer who marries the widow of a man who hid \$10,000 inside of one of his daughter's dolls. Powell will stop at nothing to find that money, including terrorizing his new step kids.

Roger Ebert loves the movie, calling Powell one

of Hollywood's most unforgettable villains. And how. With the words LOVE and HATE tattooed on his knuckles and an unforgiving attitude toward sin, he is unpredictable and chilling.

Stepfathers have had their share of screen time but stepmothers haven't been ignored. In the imaginatively titled *The Stepmother*, a woman is forced to seduce her new husband's son as part of a blackmail plot.

Stepmom from outer space Kim Basinger tries to fit in on earth in *My Stepmother* is an Alien despite making fifty-course breakfasts and shrinking a hundred dollar bill to miniature size when a shopkeeper asks if she has anything smaller.

On film, it seems, step-parents come in all shapes, sizes and even from different planets.

Richard Crouse's Movie Show can be seen every Sunday at 6:30 p.m. on the E! Channel; mrrchaos33@hotmail.com.

A genuine creepfest

Paranormal Activity

Director: Oren Peli

Stars: Katie Featherston, Micah Sloat, Mark Fredrichs

Classification: STC

Rating: ★★★★★

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

REVIEW Every few years a low budget horror movie comes along to remind us the joys of being scared in the dark. Since the genre depends on surprising audiences, smaller films tend to work better since they are unknown entities that could go anywhere.

The Blair Witch Project was the ultimate example, and now, 10 years later, *Paranormal Activity* offers a similar experience. Shot in a week for around \$10,000, the movie represents DIY filmmaking at its finest.

There are no big set pieces, expensive special effects or movie stars in peril. Just a pair of talented actors and an identifiable

concept designed to get under your skin and make you sleep with a night-light.

Katie Featherston and Micah Sloat star as a young couple convinced that their house is haunted.

They buy a camera and start filming the house and the entire movie plays as their supposed found footage.

At first the supernatural occurrences are merely strange noises or doors moving by themselves (the type of thing that makes everyone think their house is haunted when sleep deprived). Gradually this worsens and it becomes clear that the haunting is real. This movie is all about tension.

The camera will sit stationary for 30 seconds with nothing happening just to make sudden spooks feel unexpected.

Audiences looking for instant gratification will be disappointed, but anyone who loves suspense and tension should worry about peeing their pants.



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IMAX

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There are four reasons for your band to reunite: (1) The post-break-up projects aren't working out; (2) a lack of portable skills has left you with a job at the drive-thru; (3) you discover that rock 'n' roll doesn't come with a pension plan; and (4) promoters are offering to throw boatloads of money at you. If you can stand being together with the old crew for just a few more months, maybe you can enjoy that spotlight one more time.

With that in mind, here's an update on the reunions we've seen this year.

Blink 182: Hugely successful but marred by the death of DJ AM, the only other person to survive last fall's plan crash with drummer Travis Barker. The last show was last weekend. Now what?

Blur: All over, apparently. After playing a series of ultra high-profile gigs, they've all gone their separate ways to count their money.

Don't expect any more shows or any new music. Bass player Alex James is making royal cheese for Prince Charles. No, really, he is.

Cranberries: The day singer Dolores O'Riordan released her second solo album, it was announced that the original line-up was coming back together for a tour and possibly an album. Things start in Bal-

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timore on Nov. 12.

Creed: Singer Scott Stapp told me that he needed to right some wrongs dating back to 2002-04, including a show in Chicago that was so bad fans actually filed a class-action lawsuit. A new album called Full Circle will be in stores on Oct. 27. The first single, "Overcome," actually did much better than most might have expected.

Faith No More: Only Europe has had a chance to see FNM since they got back together in February and the reviews have been rapturous. Why won't they play North America?

Jane's Addiction: Before they embarked on a very successful roadtrip with NIN, we were promised a new album featuring the original line-up. So where is this album?

Public Image Ltd: Okay, so it's only Johnny Lydon (ne Rotten). Only a handful of British shows have been announced.

Stone Temple Pilots: They've held it together more than 18 months now. Can they survive the Canadian tour that starts in Victoria on Nov. 7?

Suede: Not officially announced yet, but singer Bret Anderson has said publicly that he's open to it.

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Territory is the followup to Two Hours Traffic's Polaris Music Prize-nominated album Little Jabs.

ROB MCMAHON
for Metro Canada

Two Hours Traffic's new album is a yin/yang interpretation of the power-pop they love.

The yin of the Charlotte-town four-piece's breakthrough disc, 2007's Little Jabs (a Polaris Music Prize prize nominee) is reflected in Territory's eponymous title track. Fans of the band's older work will warm to layered guitars and sing-along breakdowns.

The yang comes one track earlier. Wicked Side recalls Spoon's focus on arrangement and tone. Built around a double-tracked bass line and "dancy" drums, the track chugs in a continuous groove more like New Order than the New Pornographers. A Wurliitzer organ roars the song's dy-

"We didn't want to use every sound we could, but rather let the song speak for itself, and not gloss it up with too many overdubs."

Liam Corcoran

namism, while guitar gently churns underneath.

"(With that song) we wanted to signal to everyone we're doing different things," said singer-guitarist Liam Corcoran. "It took a while for us to become confident enough to just keep it to a bass and drum groove. We thought the song sounds cool with all that space, and so decided to leave it as is — that we don't need four guitars."

Two Hours Traffic has always worked at distilling pop to its base elements: a creative direction partly attributed to undergraduate studies in chemistry and partly to a love of Nick Lowe sparked by their men-

tor Joel Plaskett (who produced both Little Jabs and Territory). But like many young bands, this fledgling focus on craft was hidden under heavy effects.

"When you first get into the studio, it's easy to stack guitars on one another: To loop the guitars and just blast people away," explained Corcoran. "That comes with a lack of confidence. But that's not happening this time. We didn't want to use every sound we could, but rather let the song speak for itself, and not gloss it up with too many overdubs."

The band's growing confidence is also reflected in the new album's lyrics. Much of the material

in concert

• Two Hours Traffic plays Coconut Grove on Oct. 23

comes out of deep conversations held on tour. Cross-country bus rides, shifting landscapes and late nights away from friends and family can lead to ruminations on loss and spirituality — subjects reflected on tracks like Sing a Little Hymn and Lost Boys.

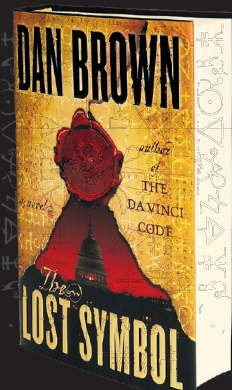
"After playing Little Jabs songs over and over again, we felt we had already done enough sweet, pretty songs about young love," said Corcoran. "(I think) it's harder to stand in front of people and sing darker songs; to dig a little deeper ... We're kind of hovering between the two worlds ... (and) at times, you start to wonder if maybe you should be settling down."

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Amazon.ca's top albums

1. Crazy Love, Michael Bublé; 2. Mono Box Set, The Beatles, right; 3. Love Is the Answer, Barbra Streisand; 4. Christmas in the Heart, Bob Dylan; List, Rosanne Cash. METRO NEWS SERVICES



Music



Dan Mangan was recently awarded the XM Radio Verge Award for Artist of the Year.

Mangan plays Nice

Singer-songwriter writes about what he knows

ROB MCMAHON
for Metro Canada



For Dan Mangan, the times are a-changin'.

That phrase sums up the Vancouver-based folkie's worldview. From lyrics to performances to on-tour daydreams about his home city, Mangan is constantly focused on change.

On his latest album, *Nice, Nice, Very Nice*, songs like Tina's *Glorious Comeback* reference the small differences that Mangan notices each time he returns home. The city's development is increasing in scope and speed as the 2010 Olympics draw near, and as Mangan points out, some things get lost. And for someone who's spent the last four years on the road, it is often these losses that stand out.

"With the Olympics coming to Vancouver, the city is changing a lot. I'm not anti-Olympics, and not pro (Olympics) — I'm just observing how it's changing," he said. "The line 'We're not us anymore' is really about Vancouver ... I love Vancouver, but I have a bit of nostalgia from when I was younger."

Mangan points to Ron

"A record is fixed, it's like a snapshot of that moment of recording, but the songs on it are living and aging, and change in various ways."

Dan Mangan

Sexsmith for inspiration, especially his observation that the goal of writing should be to find a unique take on an old theme. Following the adage to "write what you know," Mangan's favourite books and songs focus on revealing universal truths through slices of human nature. This detail-oriented approach is heard in songs that reference local diners, gas-station coffee and the awkwardness of budding scenerio love.

"I really like people who think small — who can take these complex human paradigms and sum them up in lines that make you smile," he said. "Jeff Tweedy from Wilco is great at that. Vonnegut too. He really puts humour into it, and can turn a phrase on its head so it leaves you with a smirk."

Mangan, who recently claimed XM Verge Award's Artist of the Year, is similarly focused on change when performing. For his upcoming tour, he's shuffled the

In Concert

• Dan Mangan performs Oct. 22 at the T Room at Dalhousie University and Oct. 23 at The Company House as part of the Halifax Pop Explosion.

band, bringing in new instruments (an upright bass, trumpet, violin, and wooden percussion sticks) and new musicians. While the melody, chords and lyrics stay the same, he hopes the new dynamic will shift the feel and sound of the songs.

"My M.O. from day one (has been) to surround myself with people that I think are better than me. It's like snowboarding — you go with someone good, so that you get better," he said. "A record is fixed, it's like a snapshot of that moment of recording, but the songs on it are living and aging, and change in various ways ... That really intrigues me."

Avril Lavigne seeks divorce

Court records show Avril Lavigne has filed for divorce from her musician husband after three years of marriage.

Lavigne filed for divorce from Sum 41 singer

Deryck Jason Whibley on Friday in Los Angeles.

The couple were married in July 2006 and have no children together. Lavigne cited "irreconcilable differences."

The 25-year-old punk-pop singer burst to fame with her 2002 debut album *Let's Go*. Lavigne is asking a ruling to block Whibley from receiving spousal support.

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- 2 Kaleidoscope, Tiesto
- 3 Remasters, The Beatles
- 4 One Love, David Guetta
- 5 The Blueprint 3, Jay-Z
- 6 Vancouver, Matthew Good
- 7 Brand New Eyes, Paramore
- 8 Black Gives Way to Blue, Al-

ice in Chains

- 9 Love is the Answer, Barbra Streisand
- 10 Celebration, Madonna

TOP COUNTRY CDS AT HWY

- 1 Fearless, Taylor Swift
- 2 Dance With Me, Johnny Reid
- 3 Lady Antebellum, Lady Antebellum

- 4 The List, Roseanne Cash
- 5 Revolution, Miranda Lambert
- 6 The Foundation, Zac Brown Band

- 7 Defying Gravity, Keith Urban
- 8 Taylor Swift, Taylor Swift
- 9 American Ride, Toby Keith
- 10 Kicking Stones, Johnny Reid

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Fox has ordered nine more episodes of The Cleveland Show's second season. The network had already committed to 13 episodes of a second season for the Family Guy spinoff, which premiered last month. **TVGUIDE.COM**

Television

Humour aids in a Swift recovery

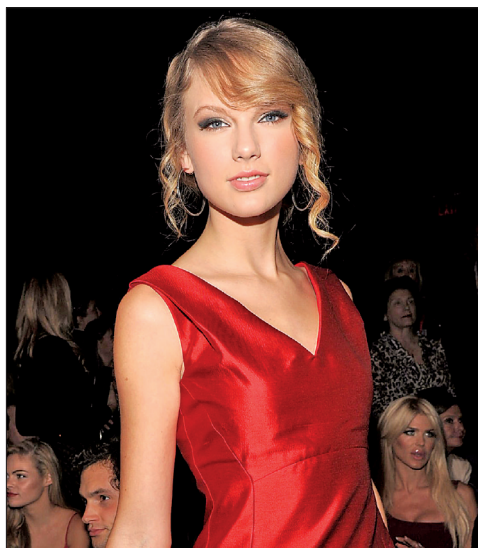
Country starlet shrugs off infamous Kanye snub and hosts SNL

Taylor Swift will have the stage to herself next month — with no interruptions — when she hosts Saturday Night Live.

The only question is: who will play Kanye West? Last month, West hijacked Swift's acceptance speech after she became the first country star to win best female video at the MTV Video Music Awards. West grabbed the mike and declared that Beyoncé's nominated video for Single Ladies was "one of the best videos of all time."

"I've been thinking about skit ideas for a long time," said 19-year-old Swift. "There are definitely some hilarious things that have happened to me over the past couple of months that I think will be pretty substantial skits."

Swift called the chance to host SNL on Nov. 7 "mind-blowing," and said it's been difficult to keep it



We're happy for Taylor Swift and we're gonna let her finish. But Steve Martin was one of the best SNL hosts of all time.

a secret since producers asked her during the summer. She said she loved be-

ing a musical guest on the show in January, and will perform again when she

hosts the show.

"I love being around people who I feel have a different kind of creative genius," said Swift. "And the funny genius is definitely a fascinating one to be around."

Swift joins a group of artists who have done double duty on the show, including Justin Timberlake, Sting and Janet Jackson.

Like Timberlake, Swift hopes to collaborate with cast member Andy Samberg on a digital short music video.

"Of course I've been such a fan for a long time," said Swift, "but I've gone back and re-watched everything over the past couple of months. And digital shorts would be so much fun to do, because they've been done so well. Andy Samberg is hilarious."

Swift is keeping busy since finishing the first leg of her Fearless tour. In addition to SNL, she will perform on Dancing With the

Good company

By making an SNL Digital Short with Andy Samberg, Taylor Swift will be joining a growing legion of stars who've hammed it up for the pre-recorded segment.

This season they include:

- Megan Fox as a woman on a weird date
- Ryan Reynolds and Elijah Wood as themselves, chasing and tasing a beatnik.
- Drew Barrymore as a '90s laser magician

Stars on Oct. 27.

She has been nominated for four Country Music Association Awards, including entertainer of the year, the youngest artist to receive the honour. She has had five No. 1 singles on country charts and two consecutive No. 1 songs on the pop charts.

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How to end hunger? Sell St. Peter's

BLASPHEMY Comedian Sarah Silverman has a new proposal to end world hunger. In a new video circulating on YouTube in time for World Food Day, Silverman suggests it's time for the Pope to sell the Vatican and use the proceeds to feed the world's poor.

Calling the pontiff "literally a caped crusader," she implores him in a half-rhyme: "You preach to live humbly, and I totally agree / So now maybe it's time for you to move out of your house that is a city," Silverman also says if His Holiness follows her advice, she will let any church involvement in the Holocaust be "bygones." The Catholic League denounced Silverman and cable network HBO for what it called a "filthy diatribe."



Silverman

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Star has H1N1 flu

Melissa Rycroft, former star of the Bachelor, has revealed she has the H1N1 flu virus. "I am indeed recovering from a bout of the H1N1 flu virus," Rycroft, 26, tells Usmagazine.com. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Entertainment

50 Cent's new album hits stores on Nov. 23.

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Fiddy lashes out at stars

After years of delays, 50 Cent's new album, *Before I Self Destruct* is finally set to see the light of day on Nov. 23 — the same day as new releases from Justin Timberlake and Rihanna hit stores, and just a day before drop dates from Britney Spears, Lady Gaga and Adam Lambert.

But the New York rapper isn't worried — mostly because he says he does not consider those pop stars his competition.

"I guess I should be devastated that I'm up against Justin Timberlake, Lady Gaga and Britney Spears?" 50 Cent told The Canadian Press in a telephone interview from Los Angeles.

"This is a great competition: You mean to tell me I get the chance to go into a battle against pop singers? ... I don't see myself

"I don't see myself in competition with artists that aren't even in the same genre. Could you find a rapper for me to compete with please?"

50 Cent

in competition with artists that aren't even in the same genre.

"Could you find a rapper for me to compete with please? Now I gotta fight Justin? I'm gonna fight him and kick his ass!"

The last time the rapper released a full-length of new material — 2007's *Curtis* — he did so with a wave of fanfare tied to a public bet he made with Kanye West, who was releasing his third album, *Graduation*, on the same day.

The rappers good-naturedly sparred in the media and 50 Cent promised to retire if he sold fewer first-week copies (ultimately, West sold 957,000 units to 50's 691,000. He did not retire).

But 50 said there would be no such rivalries this time around.

"That was a cool thing to do because we apples and or-

anges," he said. "You don't say you like 50 Cent and you like Kanye West — you could like both of them, but at the end of the day, obviously one is completely non-confrontational, and the other embodies the aggression necessary to survive in the inner cities and the environments that I actually grew up in.

"It's just what do you like? What do you want? You like the non-confrontational, safe guy, you buy the Kanye West record. You like 50 Cent you like 50 Cent."

If it sounds like 50 is directing veiled criticism — or even a potshot — at West, it's not exactly uncharacteristic. A few weeks ago, 50 referred to Lady Gaga and West's since-cancelled joint tour as "the gay tour" in a radio interview and questioned West's sexuality. He issued an apology soon after-

ward, saying his comments had been taken out of context.

But while the hard-boiled rapper — he of the kevlar-vest, nine-times-shot mythology — made his name on taking on other rappers, he notes that he didn't intentionally instigate his recent spats with West and Jay-Z.

"Well, I don't say lemme talk about these other guys for no reason," he said. "If they come up in conversation based on something they've said about me, then we'll discuss it. But I have no interest in talking about them, like they're not friends of mine. They involved in the same business and are part of the same culture, I'm aware of them, but I can care less about 'em.

"Your friends are people you call for no reason. ... I don't call these people. You know, 'cause we write music and we do some of the same things for a living, people make comparisons and they act like we actually have relationships when we don't know each other.

"All I know is their work."

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In a concert in Lima, Peru, this week, the lead singer of British band Depeche Mode shouted "Thank you very much, Chile!" It wasn't the first time Peruvian fans have been snubbed: in a concert in Peru in 2003, Alanis Morissette yelled out, "Thank you, Brazil!" **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Entertainment

Blackmail note revealed in Letterman case

Halderman allegedly told host his world would 'collapse around him'



Robert "Joe" Halderman

The newsman accused of blackmailing David Letterman about his sexual affairs allegedly said the TV host's world was "about to collapse around him," according to newly released court documents.

CBS News producer Robert J. "Joe" Halderman allegedly told Letterman in a package of materials

he sent that he had "a lot more" documents to back up his threat and needed to "make a large chunk of money," the court files say.

Halderman has pleaded not guilty to trying to extort \$2 million from Letterman to keep some of the comedian's sexual affairs quiet.

According to the documents, Halderman sent a

package containing a demand letter, a screenplay treatment, photos and personal correspondence.

Letterman is not named specifically in the court documents, but they refer to "Client No. 1" as a public figure who faced the threat of "a ruined reputation" and damage to his career and family life.

Authorities also seized

computer equipment, a camera memory card, banking information, photos and other items from Halderman's home.

Court documents about the case were released yesterday after a hearing in Norwalk, Conn.

Halderman, 51, a producer for CBS's 48 Hours Mystery, allegedly used diary entries by his former

girlfriend — outlining her affair with Letterman — to extort money from the talk show star.

Letterman divulged details of the alleged extortion caper earlier this month during his show, admitting that he had had affairs with women who worked for him on the Late Show.

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17	17	17	MM	The Vampire Diaries		American Pie *** (1999, Comedy) Jason Biggs.		Return to Paradise *** (1998, Drama)				
206	206	206	PIX	(5:40) Godzilla (1998)		(8:10) Swingers *** (1996, Comedy)						
39	39	39	SHOW	(5) Spider-Man 3		The Guard (HDTV)		Voices (HDTV)		Spider-Man 3		
40	40	40	SLICE	Til Debt-Part	Til Debt-Part	Real Housewives of Jersey		Real Housewives-Atlanta		Real Housewives NYC		Runway
21	21	21	TLC	Dress	Dress	Dress	Dress	Dress	Dress	Wedded to Perfection		Wedded
22	22	22	W	(5:30) Just My Luck (2006)		Mean Girls *** (2004, Comedy) Lindsay Lohan, Tina Fey.		Georgia Rule * (2007, Drama) Jane Fonda.				
27	27	27	YTV	Monster House *** (2006, Fantasy) Steve Buscemi.		Funnest Home Videos		Smallville "Prey"		Survive This		

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31	31	31	ABC	News Center	ABC News	Funnest Home Videos		Extreme Makeover: Home		Desperate Housewives		Brothers
7	7	7	ASN	The Road to Avonlea		America's Next Top Model		Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story (2004, Comedy)				Spectacle
11	11	11	CBC	Heartland (N) (DVS)		Battle of the Blades (N)		The Nature of Things		CBC News: The National (N)		fifth estate
32	32	32	CBS	NFL Football		60 Minutes (HDTV) (N)		The Amazing Race 15		Three Rivers (HDTV) (N)		Cold Case (N)
6	6	6	CHIF	16:9 Picture	Prod. Parker	Brothers & Sisters (N)		The Simpsons	Cleveland Sh	Family Guy	American Dad	News Final (N)
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36	36	36	FOX	Cold Case		Brothers	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	Cleveland Sh	Family Guy	American Dad	Fox First
12	12	12	NBC	News	NBC News	Football Night in America		(9:15) NFL Football Chicago Bears at Atlanta Falcons.				
55	55	55	SCOR	(6) NFL Blitz		The WWE Experience		MMA Fight Night				Poker
53	53	53	TSN	(6) CFL Football BC Lions at Winnipeg Blue Bombers.				(9:15) NFL Football Chicago Bears at Atlanta Falcons.				
16	16	16	A&E	CSI: Miami		Criminal Minds (HDTV)		Criminal Minds (HDTV)		Criminal		
70	70	70	APTN	Investigates	APTIN InFocus	Aboriginal Day	Living, Dream	Arbor Live Eagle and Hawk.		The Juror *** (1996, Suspense)		
37	37	37	BRVO	Spectacle: Elvis Costello		Arts & Minds	Bravo! Fact	Achieving the Unachievable		Hannibal Rising ** (2007, Suspense)		
49	49	49	COM	VIP	Get Your Ass	Laughs	Laughs	Comedy Now		The Simpsons	South Park	Tosh.0
18	18	18	CNN	Newsroom		MythBusters		Another Day: Cheating Death		Larry King Live		Newsroom
38	38	38	DISC	Cash Cab	How It's Made	House	House	Machines of Malice (N)		Machines of Malice (N)		MythBusters
48	48	48	HGTV	Holmes Inspection		Ancient Discoveries		My First Place	Buy Me	Holmes Inspection		Family Reno
46	46	46	HIST	Ice Road Truckers				Alive - Miracle of the Andes		Alive ** (1993, Docudrama)		
17	17	17	MM	So You Think You Can Dance Canada		Dance		Love Court	Video on Trial	America's Best Dance Crew		Live in the Lot
206	206	206	PIX	(6:55) Revenge of the Creature **		(8:20) The Thirteenth Floor (1999)				Colors *** (1988, Crime Drama)		
39	39	39	SHOW	NCIS "Murder 2.0"		ReGenesis (HDTV)		My Daughter's Secret (2007, Drama) Jennifer Grant.				Weeds
40	40	40	SLICE	X-Weighted		My Wardrobe	My Wardrobe	Tim Gunn's Secret to Style		Tori & Dean: Home		Re-Vamped
21	21	21	TLC	Extreme Forensics		World's Heaviest Man		The Woman With Giant Legs		Surviving a Super Tumor (N)		Shocking
22	22	22	W	Hwd 10 Best	Yourself Sexy	10 Years Younger-Challenge		Trophy Wife (2006, Suspense) Brooke Burns, Kyle Cassie.				Nightwaves
27	27	27	YTV	Beetlejuice *** (1988, Comedy) Michael Keaton.				OddParents	H2O, Just Add	In Real Life		Survive This



David Letterman revealed this month that he was being blackmailed and that he'd had affairs with several employees.

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The crypt above Marilyn Monroe's remains is going back on the auction block. Bidding for the marble mausoleum crypt will start at \$500,000 (U.S.) beginning Oct. 19, according to organizer Eric Gazin of Auction-Cause.com. A previous \$4.6 million bid for the space

fell through in August when Elsie Poncher first attempted to auction off her late husband's crypt. The new eBay

auction will end Oct. 29 and require a one to five per cent refundable deposit. Other celebrities buried in the cemetery include Farrah Fawcett, Natalie Wood, Rodney Dangerfield, Dean Martin, Jack Lemmon, Eva Gabor and Truman Capote.

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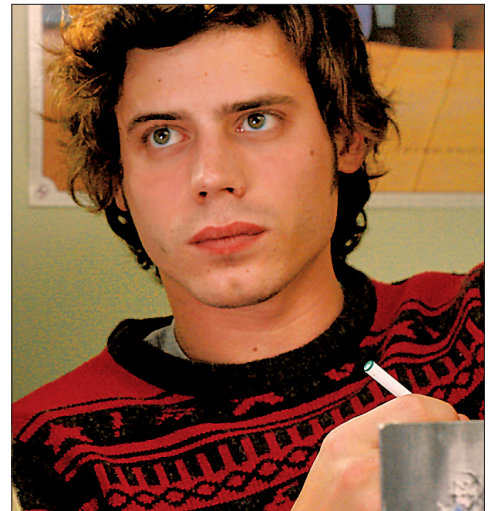
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Canada's *I Killed My Mother* is in the Oscar race.

Dozens of foreign films competing for Oscar nods

Top prize-winners from the Cannes and Berlin film festivals are among 65 movies competing for the foreign-language honour at the Academy Awards next March.

Oscar contenders include Germany's *The White Ribbon*, director Michael Haneke's sober drama that won the main prize at May's Cannes festival. Set on the eve of the First World War, the film explores the collective guilt of a small town besieged by strange acts of violence.

Also in the Oscar race is France's *A Prophet*, Jacques Audiard's prison drama that was the runner-up at Cannes.

The top winner at February's Berlin festival, Claudia Llosa's *The Milk of Sorrow*, is Peru's entry for the

foreign-language Oscar. The film explores the fear of women abused during the Peruvian government's war with leftist guerrillas.

Italy's entry, the coming-of-age tale *Baaria*, is the latest from Giuseppe Tornatore, whose *Cinema Paradiso* won the 1989 foreign-language Oscar.

Notably absent is Oscar winner Pedro Almodovar, whose *All About My Mother* took the 1999 foreign-language trophy. Spain chose Fernando Trueba's *The Dancer and the Thief* as its Oscar entry over Almodovar's *Broken Embraces*, which co-stars last year's supporting-actress winner Penelope Cruz.

Nominations for the 82nd Academy Awards come out Feb. 2. The Oscars will be awarded March 7.

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Just a few ...

Here's a selection from the 65 foreign-language contenders for the 82nd Academy Awards, along with the names of the directors and countries of origin:

- Albania, *Alive!*, Artan Miranoroli.
- Armenia, *Autumn of the Magician*, Rouben Kevorkov and Vaheh Kevorkov.
- Belgium, *The Misfortunates*, Felix van Groenigen.
- Bosnia and Herzegovina, *Nightguards*, Namik Kabil.
- Brazil, *Time of Fear*, Sergio Rezende.
- Bulgaria, *The World Is Big and Salvation Lurks around the Corner*, Stephan Komandarev.
- Canada, *I Killed My Mother*,

Xavier Dolan.

- Hong Kong, *Prince of Tears*, Yonfan.
- Hungary, *Chameleon*, Krisztina Goda.
- Indonesia, *Jamila and the President*, Ratna Sarumpaet;
- Morocco, *Casanegra*, Nour-Eddine Lakhmari.
- Peru, *The Milk of Sorrow*, Claudia Llosa.
- Philippines, *Grandpa Is Dead*, Soxie H. Topacio.
- Serbia, *St. George Shoots the Dragon*, Srdjan Dragojevic.
- Slovakia, *Broken Promise*, Jiri Chlumsky.
- Thailand, *Best of Times*, Yongyoot Thongkoon.
- Turkey, *I Saw the Sun*, Mahsun Kirmizigul.

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Michael Jackson will receive a 16-dancer salute on Tuesday's live results show of Dancing with the Stars. Executive producer Conrad Green says the show's professional dancers have been preparing a special tribute to three of Jackson's most iconic songs. **PEOPLE.COM**

Salute to MJ

Going Out

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Roy Orbison and Neil Diamond Tribute

When: Friday, 7:30 p.m.
Where: Rebecca Cohn
Barring a ghostly comeback by Orbison, you'll never get to see these two music legends perform together. Check these impersonators out. Tickets \$39.

Atlantic hockey

When: Friday, 7 p.m.
Where: Dalhousie Memorial Arena
Dalhousie Tigers and Saint Mary's Huskies. Tickets are available at the door.

Nocturne: Art at Night

When: Saturday, 6 p.m.
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The completely free showcase and celebrates the exciting arts scene in Halifax.

A Beautiful View

When: Friday through Oct. 31
Where: Neptune Studio Theatre
The second play on the 2009-10 Neptune season is about two people evolving through a relationship that defies definition. neptunetheatre.com

Alan Frew

When: Friday, 8 p.m.
Where: Schooner Room, Casino Nova Scotia
Fans of Glass Tiger should be out in force for this show featuring the former lead singer. Tickets are \$30.75.

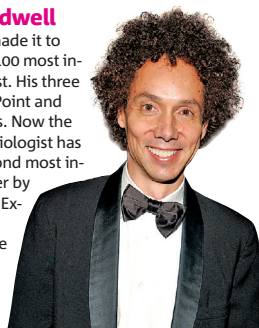
Bridges That Unite

When: Through Nov. 4
Where: Pier 21
This is about Canada's leadership role through the Aga Khan Development Network. Visit pier21.ca.

Metro's 7th Heaven: Metro taps what's hot right now

1 Malcolm Gladwell

AUTHOR He has made it to Time Magazine's 100 most influential people list. His three books — Blink, The Tipping Point and Outliers — have sold millions. Now the Canadian writer and pop sociologist has been named the world's second most influential management thinker by the London Business School. Expect more kudos (and cash) when his new book *What The Dog Saw* — a collection of his New Yorker essays — hits bookstores next week.



2 Whatever Works

DVD Guess what? The neurotic curmudgeon in the Woody Allen comedy is not Woody Allen. It's Larry David. As you'd expect, the man behind Curb Your Enthusiasm and Seinfeld makes sarcasm and surly behaviour sing in this lightweight but amusing affair. Patricia Clarkson and Evan Rachel Wood get their own share of laughs.



3 Where The Wild Things Are

FILM Despite being adapted from a 338-word bedtime favourite, Spike Jonze's version of the Maurice Sendak tale may be the most high-concept foray ever into the kiddie movie genre. We don't how much fun it will actually be for your children but we'll see.

4 Carey Mulligan

ACTRESS If the name doesn't ring a bell, don't worry. You'll hear plenty about this British actress once her film *An Education* hits theatres this fall. The 24-year-old has been on Oscar watchers' short list for a best-actress slot since the Nick Hornby-penned drama premiered at January's Sundance Film Festival.



5 Google Street View Canada

TECH Voyeur's delight or best mapping tool ever? The jury's still out, but you are kidding yourself if you don't think it's a whole lot of fun. The Google service is now available for 11 Canadian cities — type in an address and you'll be able to see actual images. Visit maps.google.ca/streetview.

6 Dracula: The Un-Dead/Dacre Stoker

BOOK The king of the bloodsucker set is haunting bookstores just in time for Halloween in *Dracula: The Un-Dead*, a sequel to Bram Stoker's 1897 classic. The new tale, set 25 years after the original, has some extra bite to it as it springs from the same bloodline as Stoker, being co-authored by Dacre Stoker, Bram's Montreal-born great-grandnephew.

7 Embyronic: The Flaming Lips

ALBUM Now that they can sell out arenas, the masters of confetti-rock are back to quirky territory. Their latest release takes a left-turn from the populism of *Yoshimi Battles The Pink Robots*, landing straight on to the scuzzy psychedelia of their '90s output. Despite being 70 minutes long, there's plenty in this double album to keep listeners riveted.

Lauper lauds wrestler

CHARTS Cyndi Lauper says that professional wrestler Captain Lou Albano took her up the music charts.

The singer said Thursday that she was lucky to work with Albano on her music videos in the 1980s.

The rambunctious showman and wrestler died Wednesday in New York of natural causes.

Albano's fame skyrocketed when he appeared in Lauper's 1983 *Girls Just*

Want to Have Fun music video, playing the singer's dad.

Lauper says that Albano took her up the charts "from 10, to 5, to 4 to 1, to minus 5 and back up to 1 again." She says it was "great fun, too."

Albano was one of the most recognized figures in the World Wrestling Federation during the 1980s, alongside Hulk Hogan.

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So you think you can say thank you?

Emmy Award-winning choreographer Mia Michaels has quit FOX's *So You Think You Can Dance*. "I am officially an adoring fan of SYTYCD ... Thank U for 5 wonderful yrs," Michaels, 43, Twittered Wednesday night. **USMAGAZINE.COM**

Costumes key at Cirque du Soleil

EMMA YARDLEY
for Metro Canada



Even with 120 insect-inspired costumes to chose from, Steve Armstrong, the Head of Wardrobe for OVO, the Cirque du Soleil show currently playing in Toronto, doesn't hesitate when asked to name his favourite.

"I'll tell you, even though it's the one we worked the most on, it would be the crickets," says Armstrong, 32, perched in an office chair

pulling a needle and thread through layers of bright green fabric. "It's not because of the colour or anything but the actual conception of the thing."

The costumes themselves are a brilliant triumph of teamwork, artistry and engineering, crafted out of stainless steel, ball joints, plane-grade

aluminum, bolts, neoprene, foam, Lycra, nylon and Mytex, a shiny materi-

al used to make downhill skiers' unitards aerodynamic.

The first prototype took 75

hours to construct but it took months of on-stage trials before coming

up with the final design that would withstand the continual tumbling and jumping required by the 10 trampolining cricket characters that wear them in every show.

"The trampolines were damaging to the costumes. The actual structure didn't

work. But we got lucky enough to have one of the trampolinists who was also an engineer," says Armstrong, who originally trained in high fashion in Montreal and has been working with the costumes department for 11 years. "So, I said 'I'm thinking of doing it like this', and he'd say 'This is going to break at under pressure.' It was fun to involve

an artist in developing something they'll be working in."

All the costumes worn by the 53 performing artists are made to each person's specific measurements at the Cirque's head office in Montreal and are maintained by Armstrong's six-person team in their small workshop in the main tent.

And keep in mind, crickets aren't the only things at OVO that are green:

- They use 100 per cent biodegradable detergent to wash the 100 to 250 costumes every day.
- Once the show ends, one full set of each costume is archived and the rest are sent to recycling factories where they are reused in a number of different products, including carpeting.
- The vast majority of fabrics used are from Ontario and Quebec.
- Armstrong's team uses pedal-powered sewing machines on location for leather repairs; these machines allow them more control over the needle while saving energy.



The shoes of the intricate cricket costume of Cirque du Soleil.



A Cirque du Soleil mosquito.

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Jorja Fox will be returning to CSI: Crime Scene Investigation this season indefinitely, TVGuide.com has confirmed. "We will be seeing a lot more of Jorja," executive producer Carol Mendolsohn tells EW. **TVGUIDE.COM**

Going Out

Black Eyed Peas singer reaches out to disaster-struck Philippines

HOME Black Eyed Peas singer apl.de.ap has flown to his native Philippines following devastating back-to-back storms to perform a benefit concert and deliver much-needed aid.

Apl planned to stage the concert Thursday evening in Manila during a brief trip to the country.

"I just want to tell everybody that my heart goes out to you guys and I will try my best to help out," he told reporters ahead of the event.

A Los Angeles resident whose real name is Allan Pineda Lindo, apl said he was concerned when he



Apl.de.ap, second from left, of Black Eyed Peas visited his native Philippines with aid and a concert after storms ravaged the country.

saw television footage of the devastation and decided to make a brief visit.

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Clooney laments today's media

George Clooney thinks something has gone wrong when the media prints celebrity rumour and innuendo as fact.

The star, a journalist's son, said a news story used to require "two reliable sources, and that doesn't seem to exist as much anymore."

Clooney spoke Thursday at the London Film Festival, where one documentary in the lineup reveals how easily some newspapers can be duped into running fake stories about the famous.

The makers of Starsuckers fed false tips to British tabloids and then watched as some, though not all, ran them as legitimate news. The hoaxes included a story about Amy Winehouse's trademark beehive hairdo catching fire.

Starsuckers director Chris Atkins said he "wanted to answer one simple question ... How far will tabloid journalists go in the pursuit of their stories?"

Clooney, no stranger to intense media attention, said he has sympathy for journalists as newspaper staffs shrink and online competition for scoops grows. But he says accurate reporting has suffered.

"The problem is that there's so little reporting any more ... Somebody will write a story and it will be in 1,800 different outlets from one person's story," Clooney told reporters during a news conference to promote *The Men Who Stare at Goats*, a comedy about the U.S. military's experiments with "psychic warfare."

George Clooney

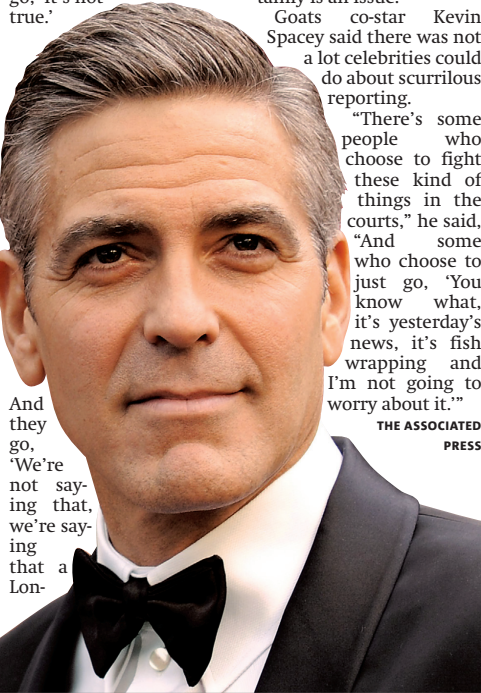
Clooney said he understood the pressures journalists face.

"I'm the son of a newsman, I grew up around news," said Clooney, whose father is news anchor Nick Clooney. "It's a tricky thing. You're going to have to sell papers. I get it."

In 2005, Clooney painted a heroic picture of newsman Edward R. Murrow, who faced off against anti-communist Sen. Joseph McCarthy in the 1950s, when he directed, *Good Night, and Good Luck*.

But he said false stories leave celebrities with "no recourse."

"It'll be false, and you'll go, 'It's not true.'"



And they go, 'We're not saying that, we're saying that a Lon-

"The problem is that there's so little reporting any more ... Somebody will write a story and it will be in 1,800 different outlets from one person's story."

George Clooney

don tabloid has said it. They're just reprinting and reprinting things that aren't necessarily true.

"I understand the problem with it, I understand why it happens. But it certainly is an issue."

Goats co-star Kevin Spacey said there was not a lot celebrities could do about scurrilous reporting.

"There's some people who choose to fight these kind of things in the courts," he said, "And some who choose to just go, 'You know what, it's yesterday's news, it's fish wrapping and I'm not going to worry about it.'"

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Brooks to come out of retirement for Vegas gig

COUNTRY MUSIC Country superstar Garth Brooks announced Thursday that he's coming out of retirement with a show in Las Vegas.

Brooks, 47, said at a news conference in Nashville that he will end his retirement with an extended engagement at the Wynn Resort.

The move has been rumoured in the music industry for weeks.

Brooks retired in 2000 to spend more time with his three children. He's occasionally popped up in special appearances at awards

Still got it

- Garth Brooks' three-disc compilation *The Ultimate Hits* finished 10th on Billboard's 2008 list of albums and showed Brooks still has the muscle he displayed in the 1990s.

shows and charity events, but has mostly stayed out of the limelight.

In an interview with *The Associated Press* last year, Brooks said he would like to return to the road once he raises his children.

The Recording Industry Association of America honoured Brooks in 2007 with a career award after he passed Elvis Presley to become the top-selling solo artist in U.S. history.

At the time, he had sold more than 123 million albums.

Brooks' last studio album, *Scarecrow*, was released in 2001.

Brooks divorced his wife, Sandy Mahl, in 2001 and married fellow country star Trisha Yearwood in 2005. The couple lives in Oklahoma.

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Busy Stewart gets key to city

Daily Show host Jon Stewart is getting a key to the city of Bellingham, Wash., but he won't be travelling there to accept it. Mayor Dan Pike says he was told that while Stewart appreciated the offer, he was too busy to accept the key in person. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Search warrants executed in the Anna Nicole Smith case described photos of Smith and psychiatrist Dr. Christine Eroshevich, pictured, in a bathtub engaged in a sexual situation.

Scandal averted?

Judge blocks testimony about Anna Nicole-doctor relationship

A judge barred testimony Thursday about an alleged sexual relationship between Anna Nicole Smith and a psychiatrist accused of providing her with excessive medication, calling it irrelevant to the case against the doctor.

Prosecutors attempted to question Smith's former bodyguard about the ex-Playboy model and Dr. Christine Eroshevich. But Superior Court Judge Robert Perry shut down the line of questioning at the hearing to determine if Eroshevich and two other defendants should stand trial.

"This is a preliminary hearing," Perry said. "It's not a trial. It's to determine if there's probable cause for a trial. I'm just not going to turn this into some circus sideshow."

Search warrants executed in the case described photos of Smith and Eroshevich in a bathtub in a sexual situation.

The bodyguard, Maurice Brighthaupt, returned to the witness stand in a preliminary hearing for Eroshevich, Dr. Sandeep Kapoor and Smith's lawyer-boyfriend, Howard K. Stern.

All three have pleaded not guilty to conspiring to

"This is a preliminary hearing ... I'm just not going to turn this into some circus sideshow."

Robert Perry,
Superior Court Judge

illegally provide controlled substances to Smith. The defendants are not charged with Smith's death at a Florida hotel in 2007, which was ruled an accidental overdose.

Prosecutor Renee Rose attempted to introduce evi-

dence that there was a sexual relationship between Eroshevich and Smith, arguing that it motivated the psychiatrist to provide Smith excessive medication.

However, when she asked the question to the bodyguard, the judge interjected: "What's the relevance?"

Brighthaupt also said he rescued Smith after she nearly drowned in her pool at the home in the Bahamas a few days after her son's burial.

She had swallowed numerous pills and took a liquid medicine.

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Ralph Lauren model fired for being 'too large'

NEW YORK A former Ralph Lauren model whose image in a roundly criticized advertisement was digitally slenderized said Wednesday that the apparel maker did not renew her contract because she was "too large."

Polo Ralph Lauren Corp. is contending that it dismissed Filippa Hamilton because of a contract dispute and that the photo was mistakenly released.

"They fired me because they said I was overweight and I couldn't fit in their clothes anymore," 23-year-old Filippa Hamilton, who worked for the company since she was 15, told the Daily News. She said she considered Polo Ralph Lauren her second family.

The company acknowledged in a statement that the image of Hamilton that appeared last week in a Tokyo mall had been digitally altered.

She went public after the photo surfaced.

Hamilton, a New York resident who is half-Swedish and was raised in France, has been looking for another job since she was let go in April, said

Shrinking bodies

• In recent years, designers have typically sought models that fit into clothes that are a size 4, or even 2 or 0.

Jesse Derris, her spokesman at Sunshine Sachs & Associates. She has not decided whether to sue, Derris said.

The photo's emaciated depiction of her, with hips about as narrow as her head, could make young women "think that it's normal to look like that — and it's not," the 5-foot-10, 120-pound model told NBC's Today show.

"I saw my face on this super-extremely skinny girl, which is not me; it's not healthy, it's not right," she said.

Polo Ralph Lauren claimed she "was too large," she added, saying that she's a size 4 and that her weight has remained constant during eight years as a model for the iconic American brand, which has dressed U.S. Olympic teams.

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Going Out

Party tips



Halloween falls on a Saturday this year, so why not throw a pumpkin-carving party? Below are some tips from the experts at Hallmark:

- Make some seasonal treats, like mulled apple cider, caramel apples and toasted seasoned pumpkin seeds for snacking.
- Set the mood with some spooky music, such as Michael Jackson's *Thriller*.
- Provide plenty of pumpkins. There should be one per person.
- Make sure there are plenty of tools for carving, as well as candles for lighting up the jack-o'-lanterns.
- Carving tip: Cut an opening in the top of the pumpkin big enough to reach in and clean it out. Use an ice cream scoop to clean out the insides.
- Put bowls on the table for pumpkin seeds, which you may want to save for toasting later on.
- To prepare for the mess of carving, cut large black garbage bags, separating the two sides. Line your table with the plastic, and secure it with masking tape.
- Provide templates for carving, water-based markers and sponges for wiping off mistakes. For kids, supply coloured markers, feathers, sequins, glitter and glue.

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The fall harvest season offers a plethora of treats and activities, such as apple and pumpkin picking.

It's harvest time

LEYLA EMORY
for Metro Canada

Summer may be over, but the fun doesn't have to be. The fall harvest season offers a plethora of treats and activities.

Apple picking tops the list. All across Canada apples are just waiting to be picked. From Davison Orchards in County Village in British Columbia to Océ-

nas Orchards in Quebec, apple farms are offering hay rides, baked goods, and, of course, apples. Just come equipped.

"One thing people forget is that a farm is a farm," says Shirley

Rosenbersky, communications officer at Chudleigh's apple farm. "Wear comfortable shoes. And if the weatherman says it's going to rain, come prepared for rain. It's fall; it can be warm, cold and then warm."



To get the most out of your apples, go with cold. "When we pick our apples from the orchard, they go right into our cooler — which is just above freezing," says Rosenbersky. "Apples are warm on the trees but they like to be put into cold. They can last six weeks in your refrigerator and still be great."

While you're out in the wilds, why not pick up a pumpkin? Pumpkinpatch-esandmore.org/Canada.htm lists pumpkin picking farms by province as well as providing tips and recipes for your gourd.

When it comes to pumpkin farms, same rules apply.

"This year I would definitely say bring an umbrella. It just hasn't stopped raining," says Kevin Ward, owner of Fernwood Farms. "That's my advice other



than the usual fall stuff. If you phone ahead to where you're going, they'll let you know how bad or how good the facilities are, depending on the area."

Back in the comfort of your own home, make the most out of your fall treats with seasonally inspired cooking classes or recipes. Relish-culinary.ca offers themed classes such as Smashing Pump-

kins. "I basically focus on everything that's in season," says founder Lauren Levy. "Apples are a huge on the menu — whether it's in salads, desserts or soups."

Her favourite dish at the

moment is a butternut squash and apple soup. "I add a bit of apple cider, which makes it a little sweet, then you can add nutmeg and cinnamon and top it with a bit of crispy pancetta and low-fat sour cream."

And don't count out the pumpkin.

"Think about using the whole pumpkin," says Levy,

whose classes focus on practicality. "You don't want to throw out pumpkin seeds, they're great to use. Make warm pumpkin salad with arugula and candied pumpkin seeds. You can even make pumpkin seed brittle."



How to create that scary look

If you're stumped about severed limbs, professional makeup artist Jessica Felder offers some tips for creating your perfect, Halloween-ready look.

• **Make great-looking blood** by combining corn syrup, red food colouring, red gel, soy sauce and peanut butter.

• **Make your own cringe-inducing, realistic-looking wounds** by using some liquid latex mixed with a bit of paper towel and sculpt it into whatever shape you desire. You can find liquid



Makeup artist Jessica Felder creates a flesh-stripped vampire look.

latex at any costume or party store.

• **Shading and depth can make a big difference.** Rather than just splatter-

ing makeup on, try to add depth with deeper and lighter shades in select places for greater realism.

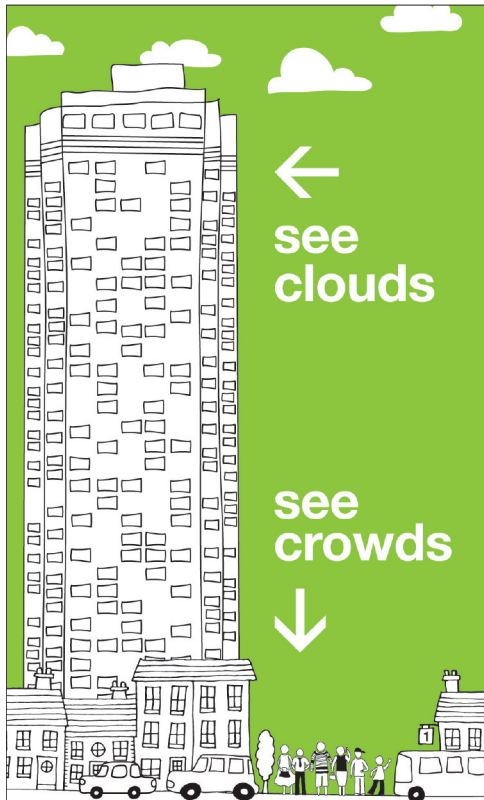
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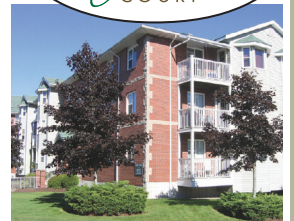
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Hilary Swank is looking forward to having kids, and she considers spending time with boyfriend John Campisi's son, Sam, to be good practice. "Sam's sweetheart," she says, according to Showbiz Spy.. **METRO WORLD NEWS**

Celebrity Buzz

Jen & John back on? Simpson gets apology

ON AGAIN OFF AGAIN It's not the first time Jennifer Aniston and John Mayer have reunited after a split, but the couple are simply "enjoying their friendship," says a source close to the singer. "They've been talking for a while — they're very friendly." Adds another source, "They've remained close," people.com reports.

The duo recently spent a night together late last month at New York City's Bowery Hotel. "Jen was there on the arm of John and they were all very lovey," says an on-looker. "She was in casual clothing as was he, and she seemed very comfortable around his crowd of friends." Aniston, 40, and Mayer, 31,

first called it quits in August 2008, only to reunite months later for a short time — and then split once again in March after a very public appearance together at the Oscars.

At the time of their most recent split, a source told People, "Jen got her feelings very hurt and she is done with John for good. They have no contact for now." Reps could not be reached for comment.

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A NOT-SO-FUNNY FOUL Call it a definite foul, people.com reports.

After a less-than-sensitive cartoon commercial that mercilessly mocked Jessica Simpson during FOX's NFL Sunday last week, the network and Burger King apologized for the ad.

"Burger King did not have any editorial input in the creation of the animation that ran last Sunday, and no one from Burger King Corp., approved it before it aired," FOX said in a statement. "Upon re-

flection, our poor attempt at humor was insensitive, and we deeply apologize to anyone who might have been offended."

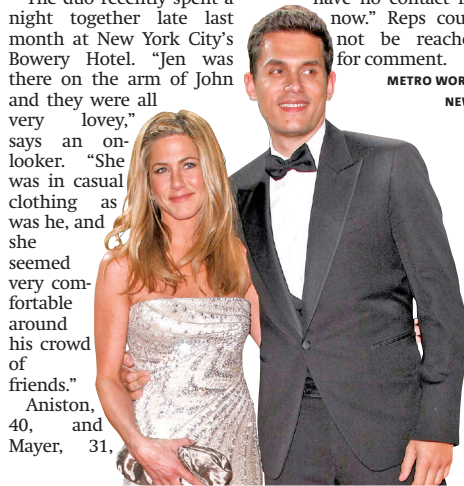
In the commercial, cartoon versions of the Cowboys ribbed ex-boyfriend Tony Romo for dating her, skewered

Simpson, 29, and for her weight gain after their breakup.

"Man, I still can't believe Tony dated Jessica Simpson, even after she blew up bigger than Flozell Adams!" Marion Barber said. "Unlike Tony, at least Jessica comes up big when it counts," Jason Witten responded.

And the cartoon version of coach Wade Phillips adds, "Say Tony, is Jessica around? We could use a defensive tackle!" Romo was not available for comment.

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Khloe laughs at tabloid news

I DIDN'T DO THAT! Khloe Kardashian says she had a good laugh when she picked up the new issue of Star, which claimed she and Los Angeles Laker Lamar Odom had already split because he refused to give her a massage, us-magazine.com reports.

"I seriously died when I read that! LOL," she writes on her blog. "Star is known for doing evil, fake and RIDICULOUS stories about my family. Remember the cover story, Kardashians At War? Honey, please," she added.

She said Star is "becoming the Enquirer. Next thing you know they'll be saying that Kourtney is giving birth to a cat! LOL. All of their stories are absurd but at least we get a good laugh from their lies."

For the record, Khloe, 25, says married life is "incredible and I've never been so happy. I feel so blessed to have Lamar and I can't wait to spend my life with him"

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Lewis cancels tour after attack

MAN ARRESTED British singer Leona Lewis was forced to cancel a promotional trip to Germany after being attacked at a book signing in London, her spokesman tells AFP.

"Leona is obviously shocked after yesterday but is OK," the spokesman says, referring to the inci-

dent Wednesday when "a guy came up and punched her to the side of the head."

The assailant didn't appear to say anything to Lewis, and the attack appeared unprovoked. Security quickly intervened, and the man was arrested.

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Eminem denies Madonna

MUSIC COLLABORATIONS Madonna has had a lot of hip collaborators recently, from Justin Timberlake to Lil Wayne. But there's one artist she had her sights set on who wasn't interested: Eminem. "I wanted to work with him," Madonna admits to Rolling Stone magazine in a new interview.

"But he didn't want to work with me." She also makes it clear to her interviewer that she isn't interested in talking about Brazilian

boyfriend Jesus Luz: "Isn't this about music?" she asks when the subject comes up.

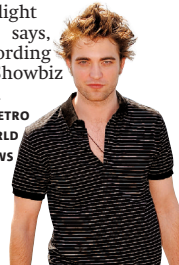
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Pattinson defends himself

TRUTH OR MYTH? Robert Pattinson has a hard time convincing his mother that the stories about him in the tabloids aren't true. "My mom says, 'I can't believe you did this,' and I'm like, 'I didn't do it.' She's like, 'Yes you did, I know you did,'" the Twilight star says, according to Showbiz Spy.

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Celebrity tweets

Heidi Montag gets all domestic, **Jeremy Piven** isn't a fan of time changes, **Kathy Griffin** goes looking for fans, and **Diablo Cody** gets creative about her costume.

• **@heidimontag** Today I am going to cook my first home made chicken noodle soup!!! I have so much fun cooking for my hubby!

• **@jeremypiven** Leaving the UK after sleeping like I was dug into a fox hole and ready for a US time zone!

• **@officialkathyg** Ok, so now that Miley "quit Twitter," y'know, 'cause she's 2 busy n famous n stuff, can I have her TWO million followers. Praise Jesus y'all

• **@diablocody** I'm going to go as a respected individual for Halloween.



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Fashion is still new to Lohan

STYLE LESSONS Lindsay Lohan admits that when it comes to fashion, she's still learning. After her first collection for Ungaro with Lohan turned heads for all the wrong reasons at Paris Fashion Week, the actress admits she was as surprised as everyone else.



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Spears is best celeb mom: Poll

AND THE WINNER IS... Despite custody battles with Kevin Federline and being forced to undergo court-appointed parenting counseling, Britney Spears is the best celebrity mom — at least according to the customers of Park, a British savings company. In the poll, Spears beat out Christina Aguilera, Angelina Jolie, Katie Holmes and others.



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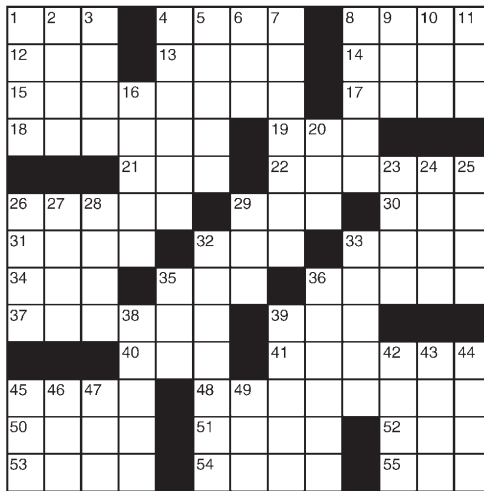
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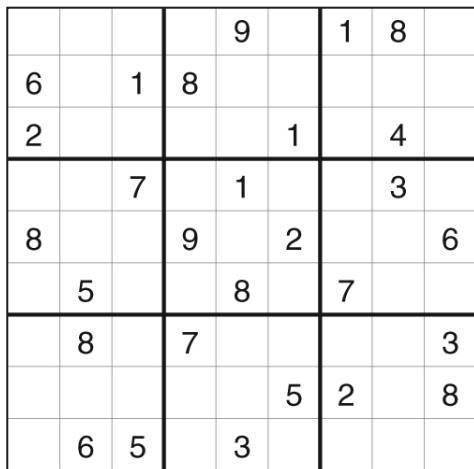
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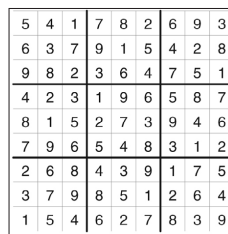
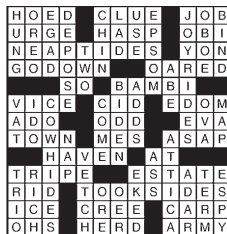
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Three-meat Stromboli

INGREDIENTS:

2 loaves (1 lb/500 g each) frozen bread dough, thawed
2 tbsp (25 ml) Dijon mustard
1/2 cup (125 ml) grated Parmesan cheese, divided
1/4 lb (125 g) pastrami, finely chopped
1/4 lb (125 g) pepperoni, finely chopped
1/4 lb (125 g) hard salami, finely chopped
1 cup (250 ml) shredded Swiss cheese
1 egg, beaten

METHOD:

1. Roll each loaf of bread into 12-in. x 7-in. (30.5 cm x 18 cm) rectangle. Spread mustard to within 1 in. (2.5 cm) of edges. Sprinkle each with 2 tbsp (25 ml)

Parmesan cheese.
2. Combine pastrami, pepperoni, salami and Swiss cheese; sprinkle over dough. Top with remaining Parmesan. Brush edges of dough with egg. Roll up jelly-roll style, beginning with long side. Seal edge and ends.

3. Place seam side down on greased baking sheet; cut three slits in top of each loaf. Bake at 350 F (180 C) 35-40 minutes. Slice; serve warm.

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You are in for a busy few days in the company of people you not only respect but who are on the same wavelength as you emotionally.

TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21

Some will be surprised and some will be shocked by just how emotional you get today, but they shouldn't be because the signs have been there.

SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22

If you need to get tough with someone now is the time to come down on them hard. You won't be in the mood to forgive and forget.

GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21

With intense cosmic activity taking place in one of the more outgoing areas of your chart it's unlikely you will do domesticated things.

SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21

You won't stop moving or talking today and anyone who wants a peaceful life had better stay out of your way.

CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22

No matter how big the task you have set yourself and no matter how strong the rivals who stand in your way there is no doubt you will beat the odds.

CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20

You are in one of those moods where you can't decide whether to change everything or to leave things as they are.

LEO

JULY 23-AUG 23

Whatever you do today and over the weekend you are sure to make a superb job of it. With Mars moving into your sign there will be no stopping you.

AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18

Just lately it seems that everything you turn your hand to goes better than expected, but you may come up against an obstacle that cannot be moved.

VIRGO

AUG 24-SEPT 22

You have what it takes to make your dreams come true and no matter what setbacks you may encounter today you must tell yourself that you will succeed.

PISCES

FEB 19-MARCH 20

Others may not be trying to deliberately mislead you but the planets indicate they themselves have been deceived. Break the chain – think for yourself.

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